

## Paris mission aims to slow EMU

# Major will woo Mitterrand on economic union

By GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS AND PHILIP WEBSTER IN LONDON

JOHN Major will today try to win French backing for a two-speed European monetary union that could wreck moves toward a single currency by the end of the decade — and save the government from an embarrassing showdown before the general election.

The Dutch plan, allowing weaker EC economies to move more slowly towards monetary union, would remove the possibility of a single currency being imposed and do away with a 1994 deadline for the establishment of a European central bank. "I think reality is breaking in," Douglas Hurd said yesterday.

Mr Major is expected to try to persuade President Mitterrand to support the plan when they meet in Paris tonight. France is, however, thought to be cool about the proposals because they would effectively shut the southern European nations out of the union.

The prime minister and the president will also discuss the future shape of Europe in the light of the upheaval in the Soviet Union, a question that will overshadow talks on political union beginning next

week and one that could jeopardise the signing of a new community treaty at Maastricht in December.

Mr Major wants to open EC membership to eastern European countries and has a vision of a community stretching from the Atlantic to the Urals. But President Mitterrand recoils from the idea of expanding the EC to a point where French influence could be weakened. He feels such a community would be too big to act as a tightly-knit economic or military bloc.

Britain has seized on the economic union proposals put forward by the Dutch presidency as accepting the principle it has espoused all along: that convergence of economies should precede union. The Dutch plan suggests that some nations should be left out until they reach basic targets on inflation, interest levels and currency stability. Germany, which supports the idea, Britain and France are most likely to be able to meet the criteria. Norman Lamont yesterday hailed the draft treaty as an "excellent text". But Italy, Portugal, Greece and Ireland oppose it because they fear stronger nations would be able to push ahead of weaker ones. They say economies should converge as the result of union.

Negotiations will continue at an informal meeting of European finance ministers at Apeldoorn in The Netherlands the weekend after next, but officials were doubtful yesterday about whether the two sides could be reconciled in time for the Maastricht summit. That could give Mr Major a breathing space and at least postpone what seemed like an inevitable clash over a single currency.

Asked whether the development effectively killed off the Delors plan, Mr Hurd told Radio 4's *Today* programme: "Plans evolve, plans change. We are still in the middle of that negotiation, but I think reality is breaking in."

The chances of the EC meeting its deadline for the completion of a new political treaty by December have also been reduced in the wake of the abortive coup in the Soviet Union, which has made the

expansion of the community eastwards much more likely.

The dilemmas posed by the explosion of new states in the east affect every decision the Community is making. If the EC intends to tighten its joint foreign policy and eventually build an army of its own, membership cannot expand very far. Already negotiations to grant associate status to Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia have fallen into disarray as a result of France's refusal to open its markets to their produce. As a result, Poland is to boycott the next round of talks next week.

Jacques Delors, the European Commission president whose hopes for political and monetary integration have been all but dashed by recent events, is now trying to persuade the French prime minister, Edith Cresson, to stop blocking trade agreements with the three countries.

M Delors is as unwilling as M Mitterrand to contemplate a community stretching from the Atlantic to the Urals, but he has said that he could imagine an EC of more than twenty states — if decisions were made by majority vote. At present, a single dissenting government can block many policies indefinitely, leaving the real power with national governments. The arrival of new members could mean the introduction of majority voting — and an opportunity for tighter political integration.

In the meantime, the existing members are considering a Dutch paper suggesting that the new community treaty talks explicitly of the EC's "federal goal", a notion Britain and others find unacceptable. The paper also suggests a huge increase in the European parliament's powers and a decision-making process that is certain to be opposed by Britain and France.

The Dutch proposals are liable to be watered down, but the revival of old arguments reduces the chance of member states reaching an accord by December. "It's goodbye to Maastricht," one official said. "They're never going to be able to get agreement in time."

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## Ashdown to counter Tory council tax

By ROBIN OAKLEY AND PHILIP WEBSTER

THE Liberal Democrats last night set up a parliamentary task force to campaign against the government's proposed council tax, the replacement for poll tax.

The group includes David Belloni, the local government spokesman and winner of the Eastbourne by-election, Jim Wallace, the chief whip, and Malcolm Bruce and Richard Lacey, the leaders of the Scottish and Welsh Liberal Democrat parties. The Liberal Democrats, who are trying to push the idea that Labour cannot win the next general election, hope then to detach "soft" Tory supporters with a nationwide campaign criticising the government's council

tax proposals and highlighting their proposal of a local income tax.

In Bournemouth yesterday, the party approved an economic policy committing it to free market ideals. Alan Beith, the economic spokesman, outlined plans for an independent central bank and national savings target, designed to restrict the ability of ministers to interfere in the economy and to force them to practice long-term policies.

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Taking cover: people in the Croatian city of Osijek crouching behind a bus yesterday during mortar attacks on the main square by Serbian fighters backed by the federal army. City pounded, page 10

## Call for report on estate riot

By QUENTIN COWDRY  
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JOHN Major yesterday called for a report from the home secretary on the five-hour riot on a Tynes and Wear housing estate on Monday night.

He condemned the violence that swept the Meadow Well estate in North Shields, the fourth outbreak of such public disorder in a fortnight.

A preliminary police report sent yesterday to Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, blamed the disturbance on youths resentful of the way police had tackled car crime in the area.

Mr Major defended the decision not to immediately flood the area with riot police.

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## Hurd urges caution after aid plea by Gorbachev

From MICHAEL BINYON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Gorbachev yesterday hailed the "explosive liberation" of reform in the Soviet Union and appealed for Western aid to support democracy and stave off food shortages.

But Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said human rights were still not fully observed in the Soviet Union. At the human rights conference in Moscow, Mr Hurd warned republics now seeking independence that there would be an adverse Western reaction if they tried to suppress minority rights by force. His remarks appeared to be directed particularly at Georgia, where protests and fighting have marked the republic's government's attempts to impose its authority.

Opening a one-month discussion of human rights by the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, Mr Gorbachev formally wel-

comed the three independent Baltic states which yesterday made their debut on the international stage when they took their seats among the other 35 nations of Europe and North America. Later he told Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, that the Soviet Union's new constitutional framework would be in place within two months.

Mr Hurd said Mr Gorbachev yesterday and discussed the shortage of food in the Soviet Union and the likely critical situation this winter. Mr Hurd said the Soviet president asked Britain to help with supplies and distribution. "There is going to be a problem," Mr Hurd reported him as saying. "People will go hungry unless they are helped. The failures of the old system to get food from the farms to the shops are making things worse." He

asked the Soviet leader whether he wanted the West to send actual supplies or technical experts to help distribution. "Both," Mr Gorbachev had said. The EC would have said.

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## Concorde mishap blamed on paint stripper

Investigators have found the cause of a fault in a supersonic rudder at 56,000ft, reports Harvey Elliott

Paint stripper used to clean British Airways' Concorde fleet probably caused the aircraft's rudder to disintegrate as it flew across the Atlantic at more than twice the speed of sound, air safety experts believe.

Concorde 102 was flying at more than 1,400mph and at 56,000ft towards New York with 49 passengers when the crew felt what they believed was an engine surge.

As it decelerated and dropped below 41,000ft "a more unusual vibration was felt", according to air accident officials. When the aircraft landed it was discovered that part of the lower rudder was missing, as was most of the skin on the right side of the tail area.

The failure, which happened in January, was kept secret but shocked safety chiefs and BA engineers because it followed a similar incident over the Tasman Sea two years ago.

The rudders which disintegrated were made as a pair, and it had been assumed that "tap checks", which involved engineers knocking on the skin surface in the hope of detecting any failure in its bonding to the interior honeycomb material, would have picked up any potential defect. Acoustic tests were also introduced to combat the problem which, had the skin ripped further, could have proved catastrophic.

The rudder which failed in January had flown for more than ten months since its last acoustic test, though it had been "tap tested" three times.

After the incident the materials and structures department at Farn-

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## TV drama blames Thatcher fall on tactics

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK  
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT



MARGARET Thatcher would still be prime minister had she and her close advisers not made a series of fatal tactical errors, Granada Television alleges in a drama-documentary of the events leading to her downfall.

Thatcher: The Final Days lays much of the blame for her failure to secure a decisive victory over Michael Heseltine in the first ballot for the leadership on an "ineffective campaign" run by Sir Peter Morrison, her parliamentary private secretary.

In the hour-long re-enactment tonight, Sir Peter is represented as turning down offers of help and advice from Sir Tim Bell and Sir Gordon Reece, the faithful media advisers who masterminded Mrs Thatcher's election victories. Not only did he reject a private preview of Mr

Heseltine's election manifesto which Sir Tim had managed to obtain, but he also failed to canvass MPs properly and woo the known waverers, the programme alleges.

Mrs Thatcher, portrayed by Sylvia Syms, is also blamed for baiting Sir Geoffrey Howe into taking more extreme action than he had intended. She is seen colluding with Kenneth Baker, then party chairman, and Bernard Ingham, her press secretary, to play down Sir Geoffrey's resignation as "style and not substance". It was this that led him to make his scathing Commons speech, the programme alleges.

Mr Heseltine was also forced to run after being baited by Mr Ingham to "put up or shut up", the programme alleges. The *Final Days*, which is based on public and private recollections of cabinet ministers, MPs and other participants,

also alleges that the results of the first round ballot might have been inaccurate. One scene implies that a recount might have shown Mrs Thatcher to be the real winner. The dramatisation fails to make clear whether three ballot papers found to be missing after the count were added to the total when found. All three votes were for Mrs Thatcher.

Cranley Onslow, chairman of the 1922 committee, who supervised the count, said yesterday that the lost ballot papers were included in the final count. There was no need for a recount, as the papers had been carefully counted twice.

Ray Fitzwater, executive producer of the programme, to be shown on ITV at 9pm, said: "We believe this is a more authentic record of events than appeared in any newspaper at the time."

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# Sports events likely to honour Keith Prowse clients' tickets



Sign of the times: a Keith Prowse office in London

SPECTATORS at major sports events yesterday seemed likely to have many of their bookings at least partially honoured, despite the collapse of Keith Prowse.

Clients at the England v Germany football international tonight and the Rugby World Cup next month will get their seats, but possibly not their hospitality packages. There are hopes that many of the 1,000 people booked to fly to South Carolina for the Ryder Cup this month may be able to make the trip without much further expense.

Malcolm Stierman of Grant Thornton, the accountants appointed as receivers by the company's main creditors, the Royal Bank of Scotland, said: "There are 400 bookings with Delta Air Lines and the airline has said it will honour the bookings to the 150 people who have already received

There was some good news for clients of collapsed ticket agency Keith Prowse, report John Goodbody and David Hands

their tickets. The airline is seeking information from its Atlanta headquarters about the remaining 250 people." Discussions are continuing with British Airways about other bookings.

Some hotels at Kiawah Island, where Europe defends the Ryder Cup on September 27, have been paid partially and some others wholly by Keith Prowse before it went into receivership.

The organisers of the Rugby World Cup said they would provide the tickets for the cup, which begins at Twickenham on October 3, and for which companies have already paid Keith Prowse £5 million for seats and hospitality.

Alan Callan, managing director of the CPMA Group, commercial advisers to Rugby World Cup Ltd (RWC), said: "The least we will do is ensure that the World Cup will be enjoyed by those people who have sweated to be there, by ensuring their ticket requirements are met. In terms of income for the game, the hospitality packages are not a major problem. It was a contributory source and was there basically as a service."

Wembley will honour tickets paid for, but not received, by clients of Keith Prowse for the international at Wembley tonight. About 300 people had booked packages with the collapsed com-

pany which included pre-match hospitality, drinks, dinner and £26 match tickets. About 100 corporate hospitality customers and a small number of ordinary ticket-holders had yet to receive their tickets when the company went into receivership.

Wembley is not sold out and tickets will be available at the turnstiles. However, the corporate hospitality clients will not get the rest of the package. Martin Taylor, the manager of the Hilton National Hotel at Wembley, said that Keith Prowse had this week cancelled its hospitality booking for about 150 clients.

MCC is owed about £50,000 because Keith Prowse was the sole official corporate hospitality company at Lord's for such major fixtures as test matches, one-day internationals and one-day finals. The cost of the collapse to

theatre producers in the West End of London is likely to be millions but yesterday they were more concerned about future custom (Simon Tait writes). "The sooner we get our act together and start cooperating properly with each other the better," Patrick Donohue, chief executive of the Royal Albert Hall, said.

Most producers are honouring Keith Prowse bookings up to Saturday in a gesture of goodwill but most of its customers will have to pay again for seats after then. The producers want a code of practice which would safeguard theatregoers and productions in future.

Theatregoers who purchased tickets by credit card from Keith Prowse will be reimbursed if they have not received their tickets or are refused admission to the theatre. The major high street

banks said they would ensure their customers did not lose their money even if the amount spent was less than £100, the minimum required to claim protection under the Consumer Credit Act.

Others, however, are not as fortunate. The Rhino Rock Wildlife Trust, meant to be the major beneficiary of a Placido Domingo concert at the weekend at Windsor Great Park, has been told it will not receive a pledged £50,000 donation. Keith Prowse distributed the tickets but the event was organised by Tariq Siddiqi and it is unclear, according to Grant Thornton, which party owed the trust the money. A spokeswoman for the trust said it had been scheduled to receive a £30,000 cheque on stage on Saturday evening and the rest after programme and product sales had been assessed.

## Police justify 'iron fist in velvet glove' policy after looting and arson

### Major attacks copycat riots

By PETER DAVENPORT AND KERRY GILL

POLICE yesterday defended their tactics in restoring order to a Tyneside housing estate devastated by five hours of riots, looting and arson on Monday night as the prime minister called for a report into disturbances in the third British city in recent weeks.

They said they intended to patrol the streets of the Meadow Well estate last night with a policy of "an iron fist in a velvet glove" to prevent fresh outbreaks of violence.

It took police until about 2.30am yesterday to restore order after 200 police in riot gear stormed makeshift barricades thrown across the streets.

Some residents of the North Shields estate, one of the most socially deprived and crime ridden in the northeast, accused the police of standing back for up to three hours while shops, homes and a community centre were attacked and firebombed. But police said they had carried out a deliberate strategy to contain the 200-strong mob responsible for the violence and prevent others joining them before moving in.

John Major described the incidents as unacceptable: "There have been a small run of these incidents. They all seem to have a different genesis. Whatever the genesis may be, they are not acceptable, they are not the way people should behave and there is no need for them."

"They do seem to have a different purpose and one



Riot blaze: the Coalite factory, set alight at the height of the North Shields riot, blazes as firemen, ambulancemen and police were pelted with petrol bombs by youths

often gets this copycat effect. It happens in one area and then you get this mini riot. People think it acceptable to behave in that way but it is not acceptable. Public does not want it. If people have problems and concerns there are other ways of doing it, not the way we have seen it once or twice recently."

Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, said in Southampton the riots were a criminal attack on the community. "There is absolutely no excuse for them. I hope the police can catch the ringleaders and make them answer for these outrages."

Rioters said yesterday that they instigated the disturbances in revenge for the deaths of two men, one from the estate, who died last week when the stolen car they were driving in a chase with police crashed and caught fire.

Meadow Well's 1,770 homes were built between 1932 and 1939 to rehouse

families from slums on the banks of the Tyne. From the outset it had a reputation for lawlessness and social problems. In 1969 it was renamed Meadow Well and restoration work was carried out in the 1970s when the area was a target of millions of pounds worth of government funds.

Its problems remained, however. Unemployment averages 40 per cent, with eight out of ten residents in some streets without a job. At the two local primary schools every child is in receipt of a clothing allowance and 80 per cent get free school meals. At an equivalent school four miles away only one child is in receipt of either benefit.

Crime most bedevils the estate, particularly car-related offences. And crime was the cause of the riots.

In 1989-90 179 cars were stolen in the police sub-division which covers the area, 135 of them were later found on the estate.

### Role of the media under scrutiny

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE media should seriously consider giving less coverage to the kind of street disturbances seen recently in Oxford, Cardiff and Tyne and Wear, David Owen, president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said yesterday.

He suggested that there had been a "copycat" element to the disturbances, the worst of their kind in Britain for several years, and that massive media coverage had been over-done. "No one is suggesting that such events should not be reported at all, but the media must stop and reflect whether, in pursuing their legitimate job, they are not adding fuel to the fire," he said.

Because of the real risks of the media unwittingly inflaming demonstrators or rioters, police were fully justified in "certain circumstances" in barring reporters access to areas affected by disturbances, Mr Owen said. Such decisions, however, required careful judgment.

Mr Owen's comments are likely to reopen the controversy over the dangers of the media, particularly broadcasters, fuelling street disturbances. While most newspaper editors and broadcasters broadly accept that rioters will sometimes play to the gallery, few can resist giving such stories extensive coverage.

However, the media's reluctance to play down events such as the "bread riots" of Cardiff's Ely estate or the disorder at the Blackbird Leys estate in Oxford disguise the

efforts some news managers have made to improve factors such as balance, context and accuracy.

BBC Television News and ITN have well-established guidelines on the way such stories should be reported.

ITN's guidelines say that camera crews should attend disturbances only after the disorder has begun and insist that film of rioting should be accompanied by full reports explaining the background to the incidents. The BBC warns of crews being exploited by "elements within the crowd" and of the risks of such film being run live.

As anxiety about copycat rioting has grown, police have sometimes chosen to cordon off riot areas from the media. One example of this came last Tuesday when police, following four nights of trouble on Cardiff's Ely council estate, created a "sterile zone" around the district, into which only residents could enter. Four hours later, journalists were allowed to tour the scene in a police minibus.

Mary Whitehouse, president of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, yesterday wrote to the home secretary asking him to intervene with the broadcasting authorities in the wake of the recent violence. She said the link between social and television violence was accepted across the civilised world, yet in Britain viewers were offered as entertainment grossly violent and perverted films.

### Television is not prime catalyst

THE wiry Algerian para-trooper who arrested an ITN crew at the height of the popular uprising in October 1988, had no doubts about the power of television to influence rioters and international opinion.

Paul Davies, the reporter, had permission to film from the Ministry of Information; the commander standing on a tank at the riot scene snatched it and proceeded to make an obscene gesture. "That is what I think of your piece of paper," he sneered.

Maladroit as he might have been at public relations, the officer was astute enough to realise that the revolt in which more than 400 people died was inspired by the hours of footage of the Palestinian intifada which had filled the state television in the preceding months. Similarly in Jordan in April 1989, Arab youths imitated the headgear and of their Palestinian counterparts fighting Israel when they opposed their own security forces.

Hard as the Algerian authorities tried to stifle media coverage, it was only by the harshest of tactics, including the shooting and torture of scores of teenager, and improving food supplies that they were able to end the uprising.

No one who has covered riots for media organisations can fail to appreciate the power of television in spreading trouble. But it would be a mistake, as many Ulster Loyalists argued during the civil rights marches in the late

TV coverage of riots will not incite violence unless the public are discontent with their lot, writes Christopher Walker

1960s, to blame it as the prime cause.

As a rough rule of thumb, it would appear that when the cause of violence is primarily social, as opposed to nationalistic or political, the negative or positive affect of television coverage will be greatest. In Ulster and Israel, foreign television crews have repeatedly been accused of offering bribes to stone throwers. In all but a few cases, the accusations have been unfounded.

Television advertising would not be so successful were it not that the limitation of televised images particularly among the young and impressionable is such a deep-rooted trait. But in Armenia in 1988, I recall that the more than 150,000 people who gathered for weekly nationalist demonstrations in the capital's centre had no television footage to encourage them. The Cairo bread riots of 1977 which so nearly overthrew the government spread without the catalyst of local television coverage because of the public's discontent with its miserable lot.

Keeping television cameras away from potential street violence would, in my experience, only help to eradicate that for which there is no strong underlying cause.

### Zoo birds linked with BSE

A condition closely resembling "mad cow" disease (BSE) caused the deaths of three ostriches in German zoos, German scientists say. It is the first reliable report of a BSE-like condition in birds (Michael Hornsby writes).

Britain is the only country where bovine spongiform encephalopathy, which is thought to have been transmitted via feed containing the remains of sheep infected with scrapie, is widespread.

The three ostriches came from two zoos in northwest Germany and had been fed vegetables mixed with poultry feed and raw meat from slaughterhouses, according to a report in a German veterinary journal. Dr Heinz-Adolf Schoon, a pathologist in Hannover and one of the authors of the report, said yesterday: "The damage to the brain tissue showed a very strong similarity to that found in cases of BSE."

Keith Meldrum, the government's chief veterinary officer, said scientists have been studying the German findings.

### IRA bomb at plane factory

THE IRA exploded a bomb inside the Shorts Aircraft complex in East Belfast yesterday, making it their seventh attack on the Canadian-owned company in two years. It caused extensive damage to a two-storey building which houses payroll offices and a new security control centre.

The device caused a small fire but no injuries and the company said it would not affect production. Shorts has spent more than £10 million and tripled its security staff in an attempt to prevent IRA attacks.

### University gets go-ahead

THE first new university campus for more than 20 years is to be developed on an 8-acre site on Teesside.

The Teesside Development Corporation announced yesterday that it was putting up £8.4 million for a college to be run jointly by Durham university and Teesside polytechnic. Building is expected to start next month at Teesside, near Stockton town centre, so that the first students can be enrolled in October 1992. It will be known as the Joint University College on Teesside.

### IRA arms found

Police in the Irish Republic seized four heavy machine guns, over 50,000 rounds of ammunition and five kilos of Semtex explosive in searches for IRA arms last year, according to the annual report of Commissioner Patrick Culligan. Police also found 56 rifles, 23 hand grenades and seven arms bunkers. Four tonnes of Semtex and 900 Kalashnikov rifles smuggled from Libya have not been found.

### Marquess guilty

The Marquess of Blandford, heir to the Duke of Marlborough, was found guilty yesterday of his second offence of driving while disqualified for speeding. Magistrates at Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, adjourned sentencing until October 8. Lord Blandford had previously admitted a similar offence at High Wycombe in July and will be sentenced for both when he appears again.

### CORRECTION

The first kidney transplant in Britain was carried out by Sir Michael Woodruff and his colleagues at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary on October 30, 1960 and not by surgeon at the Hammersmith hospital in London, as stated in television guide on September 2.

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### McCarthy flies to see hostage's wife

By BILL FROST

JOHN McCarthy, freed by his Lebanese captors in west Beirut last month, yesterday interrupted his holiday to fly to London for a meeting with Sunny Mann, whose husband is still being held hostage by Shi'ite radicals.

The television journalist, who had been in the south of France, spent 90 minutes with Mrs Mann in a VIP suite at Heathrow. Looking tanned and healthy, he declined to talk about his own captivity. He said he was now feeling much better but "still taking it easy".

"I haven't seen Jackie. But for me, conditions were better in the last couple of years and I am sure it is the same for him. I was very impressed with Mrs Mann. She is great fun to be with, and showed remarkable spirit considering the dis-

treas she is under." Jackie Mann, a former Battle of Britain pilot aged 77, was abducted in May 1987, the last western hostage to be seized in Beirut. Last month Mr McCarthy said his captors had told him that all the western hostages, including Mr Mann, were safe and well.

Mrs Mann, who flew to England from her home in Beirut last week, also met Douglas Hogg, the foreign office minister. Afterwards she said: "I feel much happier about everything. There is nothing definite, but there are a lot of possibilities now and I really think that maybe something will come up. John has helped me a great deal on thoughts of what I am going to do when my husband returns."



Brief meeting: John McCarthy with Sunny Mann

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# Job hunt clue to killer as girl's body is discovered

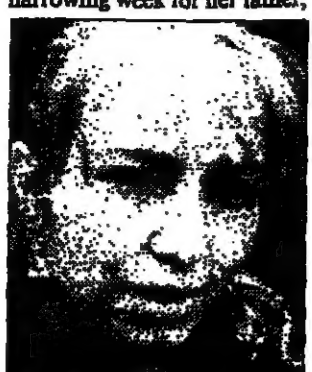
By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

DETECTIVES were last night hunting the murderer of Lynne Rogers, the London teenager whose body was found near a country lane five days after she left home in response to a job offer from a mysterious caller.

Police said a post-mortem examination revealed that the killer had strangled the girl, who lived in Catford, south London, with her family, with his bare hands. She did not appear to have been sexually assaulted and is thought to have died on Sunday morning. Her body was found on Monday and identified by her father Derek, aged 54, a widower, at Eastbourne mortuary.

Appealing for help from the public, Detective Superintendent Michael Bennison said: "It is a particu-

larly calculated, callous and evil murder of a young girl. The calculated killer undoubtedly planned his deed some days before he carried out the crime. Really what it amounts to is a tragic end to a harrowing week for her father,



Rogers: sent details to job agencies

sister and relatives and friends. We shall pursue the killer or killers by whatever means we can. There is no evidence as yet that she was held prisoner during the days leading up to her death. It is something that we will be looking at."

The girl was last seen at about 10 am last Wednesday at Charing Cross station after arranging to meet a man who telephoned her and offered an exciting £15,000 secretarial job involving a lot of travel. She told relatives that her prospective employer would be taking her to Shoreham before going to Gatwick by helicopter for "job familiarisation".

At the time she vanished Miss Rogers, described as a happy, outgoing girl, was hunting for a new job. Made redundant in July, she found another job with a travel agent in south London but she wanted to change and sent out CVs to job agencies or visited agencies personally. The caller had apparently seen her CV and a police search through the agencies has become a prime task in the search for clues to her killer.

Her body was discovered off Rotherham Lane, a quiet country lane near the village of Rotherham, less than three miles from Crowborough station, which is off the main line from Charing Cross to Uckfield, East Sussex. It was found by an odd-job man, as he cut grass in the grounds of the Manor House at Rotherham on Monday afternoon.

The girl had been left in thick undergrowth, still wearing the black skirt and white blouse she wore last Wednesday. Mr Bennison said it was thought she met her death some 24 to 36 hours before the post-mortem examination and this could put the time of death at about Sunday morning. Further tests will be carried out.

He said villagers may have seen the killer driving around looking for a place to dump the body. Mr Bennison said it was not clear whether she died at the scene or dumped by car. "Somebody might have seen the suspect or suspects looking for somewhere to dispose of the body. It is absolutely vital that if anyone saw one or more people in a car acting suspiciously anywhere in the Rotherham area that they contact our murder incident room at East Grinstead on 0342 321 155."

Miss Rogers was carrying a vanity bag with a flat bottom. It was still missing with her passport and other personal belongings.

## Ex-head guilty of cruelty to autistic children

THE headmistress of a special school ran an "authoritarian and dictatorial" regime in which handicapped children were ill-treated and forced to eat meat, a court was told yesterday.

Meal times at Scofield House, Lancaster, a council-run school specialising in young autistic children, were described by a part-time teacher as "horrible and sickening". Timothy White, for the prosecution, told Preston Crown court.

Brenda Ford, aged 51, of Lancaster, the school's former head, pleaded guilty to three charges of cruelty to children. Two nursery assistants, Mary Milnes, aged 55, of Lancaster, and Maureen Robinson, also 55, of Heysham, each pleaded guilty to a charge of assaulting a child causing actual bodily harm.

"The allegations which the Crown would have relied upon were that some children were forced-fed, required to eat their own vomit," Mr White said. Most of what happened — in 1987 and 1988 — took place behind closed doors where only the children could see what was happening.

"Because of their mental condition, they were incapable of making any form of complaint to outsiders, particularly their parents," he said.

Mr White said a supply teacher had seen Ford slap a handicapped girl aged eight

hard on the leg at least 10 times "completely out of the blue". On another occasion, she became agitated because an autistic girl aged ten was not reading properly and had grabbed her hair. The girl cried with pain. Ford had told the girl: "I'll stop if you get your reading right," Mr White said.

A boy aged five who was so badly disabled that he could not talk was kept without drink all day because he did not like milk, even though his mother had sent him with blackcurrant juice.

Mr White said the children at the school, most of whom could only feed themselves with difficulty, were allowed just half an hour to eat lunch "no matter what". On one occasion, Milnes had been seen feeding a autistic boy aged six, pushing more and more food into his mouth until it was "like a hamster". Mr White said. When some food came out "it was picked up off the table, put on his plate and Mrs Milnes fed it to him".

Robinson was seen to slap a girl aged eight repeatedly on the legs to force her up the steps of a playground slide. When she came down the process was repeated.

Judge Jolly called for probation reports on the women before sentencing them in three weeks' time.



Sex equality on the march: Alison Sharp, who this term became the first woman to lead Marlborough College's cadet force, with unit members yesterday. Ms Sharp is a biology teacher at the Wiltshire school

## Police put a face to 'murder' victim

By CRAIG SETON

THE reconstructed face of a possible murder victim whose skull and bones were found on a rubbish tip up to 16 years after he died was unveiled by police yesterday.

Detectives in West Mercia asked Richard Neeve, a medical artist at Manchester university, to reconstruct the skull to suggest the likely facial features of the young man to try to identify him. They are treating the case as they would a murder enquiry.

The man's buried remains and some clothing were discovered on a disused tip at Wythall, near Bromsgrove, Hereford and Worcester, in May. His skull had a large fracture on one side, leading police to consider that he may have been killed.

Detectives have pieced together scientific, medical and other evidence with help from a pathologist, radiologist, odontologist, anthropologist, archaeological botanist, entomologist, molecular scientist and forensic science experts. The man's trousers were "Rupert Bear" patterned, and flared with turn-ups, a style that was fashionable in 1975.

A trace of DNA extracted from the man's thigh bone has given police a genetic "fingerprint" using a new enhancing method that could identify him if a member of his family were traced to give a matching sample.

Police are now examining the files of people reported missing all over the country. They believe the man was aged between 22 and 32, between 5ft 9in and 5ft 11in, of medium to slim build, with brownish hair and soft facial features. Parts of the torso were missing when the body was found.



The face reconstructed from skull found on tip

## Transport lobby fights road cuts

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

ALTERNATIVE motorways between key population centres must be built to cope with increased traffic levels and to enhance Britain's competitiveness with Europe after 1992, according to a confidential draft report compiled by the British Road Federation.

The report, *Complete Or Fail: The Economic Case For Road Investment*, represents the opening shot in a campaign aimed at reducing the threat of cuts in the £20 billion roads programme and at increasing awareness of the economic benefits of new roads.

Recommendations for the expansion of existing motorways are, however, likely to meet fierce resistance from environmental groups, who have asked the government to freeze present road building schemes and use the money to improve public transport.

The report, which criticised the failure of successive governments to keep pace with road building schemes in Germany and France, said: "In other parts of Europe it is the practice to have alternative motorway routes between major centres of population. With the exception of the

recently completed M40, this has yet to happen in Britain." Governments have also failed to respond to changing economic geography, the report said. Almost 20 years after joining the EC, Britain's west coast ports remained better served by high-standard roads than those on the east and south coasts which faced Europe.

Richard Diment, the federation's deputy director and the report's author, said that alternative motorway routes "are needed to cope with day-to-day traffic levels, emergency closures of existing motorways and to enable manufacturing industry to compete effectively in the single European market." Although some new routes will be needed, many alternative motorways could be provided by developing existing road corridors.

The report drew an angry response from Roger Higman, the transport campaigner for Friends of the Earth. "Road building on this scale will cause massive destruction to the countryside and will invariably mean the permanent loss of many major wildlife sites," he said.



## Winning wonders

This weekend, *The Times Saturday Review* has the cover its readers asked for: the seven wonders of the modern world, chosen by you in the competition that followed the *Review* series on the ancient wonders. The modern seven make up a formidable array of 20th century achievement, with several controversial choices. On Saturday we shall publish the most popular choices as well as the best single list, for which the winner will get a truly wonderful holiday.

## Vicar 'had adulterous affair'

By PAUL WILKINSON

A VICAR took advantage of a young mother when she turned to him for comfort after her son's cot death, a Church of England consistory court was told yesterday.

The Rev Tom Tyler, aged 51 and father of four, allegedly had an affair with Barbara Edwards, aged 32, soon after she became a member of his church in Henfield, West Sussex, three years ago.

Nicholas Atkinson, QC, the counsel prosecuting the case at East Grinstead magistrates court, said Mr Tyler used his position to gain access to the Edwards' home. He said Mr Tyler's early efforts to comfort Mrs Edwards had turned to sexual advances.

The vicar, who is charged with the ecclesiastical offence of conduct unbecoming a clerk in holy orders in that he committed adultery with a woman in his care, denies the charges.

Mrs Edwards cried throughout her evidence yesterday, first as she detailed the sudden death of her three-month-old son, Joseph, and then how she became involved with Mr Tyler.

She alleged they had had sex a dozen times during the year-long affair.

When cross-examined by Anthony Scrivener, QC, Mrs Edwards denied suggestions that she had been infatuated with Mr Tyler or that she had fallen in love with him.

The hearing, which continues today, is being presided over by Judge the Rev Rupert Bursell, QC, the deputy chancellor of the Chichester diocese. A verdict will be returned by four assessors, two clergy and two lay, from the diocese.

## More children take up the ten-a-day smoking habit

By BILL FROST

MORE than 300,000 children under the age of 16 are regularly smoking at least one cigarette a week, with a quarter of them smoking more than ten a day, according to a survey by the Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys.

The figures, published yesterday, show that 10 per cent of 11- to 15-year-olds in England and Wales, and 12 per cent of 12- to 15-year-olds

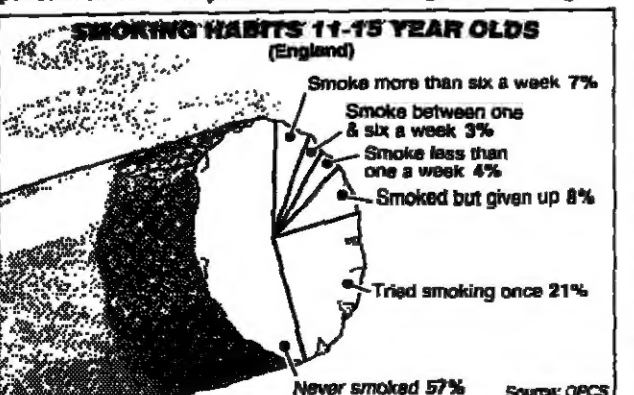
in Scotland smoke regularly. The 1990 percentages are higher than when the surveys were last carried out. In 1988, 8 per cent of English secondary school students smoked. In Scotland and Wales when the last survey was taken in 1986, 12 per cent of Scottish and 8 per cent of Welsh secondary school students smoked. The census office said yesterday that the small increase registered in England

and Wales was not statistically significant.

In Wales, girls (11 per cent) are more likely to be regular smokers than boys (8 per cent). In England and Scotland there is little difference between the sexes.

The survey found that about a quarter of regular young tobacco users had smoked an average of at least ten cigarettes a day during the preceding week. More than a third of all children had tried to buy cigarettes in a shop in the past year and only one in ten had been refused.

Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, called for a redoubling of efforts to discourage young people from smoking. She said: "Although the apparent increases in smoking among students are not statistically significant, the figures are disappointing. It is also disturbing that cigarette consumption among underage smokers has increased."



## Teenage habit dies hard

By WILLIAM CASH

TEENAGE habits die hard. Smoking may be on the decline with adults, but a quick flag after school appears to be required behaviour for up to half of under 16s, according to some young smokers.

Two minutes after pupils shuffled out of Pimlico school, a central London comprehensive, several were reaching for a packet to share with friends. Shahin Bustakey, aged 16 and taking his GCSEs next summer, estimated that about half of his year smoked. He said that you had to be pretty

stupid to get caught. The same figure is quoted by Michelle Hyland, aged 15, a pupil at St Thomas More School, near Sloane Square, who was off to enjoy a smoke with friends after being kept in for detention.

Kathleen Wood, the new head at Pimlico school, admitted that smoking was a teenage problem that showed little sign of letting up in spite of changing attitudes within society.

Many children started to smoke aged 12 or under. The penalty, she said, would prob-

ably be no more than a warning for first time offenders although parents would be informed. Part of the difficulty in enforcing the rules on smoking was that many parents often appeared to give their assent.

Tristram Jones-Parry, the undermaster at nearby Westminster School, said that within the last 15 years he had observed no noticeable decline in the smoking habits of pupils. He conceded that smoking was not considered very serious, compared with, say, bullying, although the health issue was extremely serious.

## Maguire police 'were too zealous'

By LIN JENKINS

A LEGAL assistant who advised the Attorney General on terrorist prosecutions during the time of the Guildford Four, Birmingham Six and Maguire Seven admitted yesterday he was anxious about the over-zealousness of police and forensic scientists in efforts to convict the bombers.

Roger Maitland said he remained silent about his grave doubts concerning scientific evidence from both the Royal Armaments Research and Development Establishment (RARDE) at Woolwich and from Dr Frank Skuse, a home affairs scientist in Lancashire, even when campaigns began protesting the innocence of those jailed, because he believed his worries had been considered. Forensic evidence from RARDE was used in the Maguire case and Guildford Four case and that from Dr Skuse in the trial of the Birmingham Six.

Mr Maitland told the May enquiry into the Woolwich and Guildford bombings at the New Connaught Rooms, London, that his general scepticism arose from the climate of a vicious bombing campaign, combined with intense pressure to bring those responsible to trial.

That climate, he said, "left me rather suspicious and anxious to prevent what I thought to be perhaps the results of over-zealousness by the police. There was a risk of scientists perhaps trying too hard to please."

Asked by Sir John May if he had ever told the Home Office or Law Office about his doubts once others raised questions about the safety of convictions, he replied he had not, assuming his reservations had been dealt with by those

higher up. "Also my doubts were quite general. I was concerned about a whole span of cases. I had grave doubts about results from Lancashire and RARDE as they existed at the time. It was obviously dreadful that the Maguire group were dealt with as they were; in the end it did not seem to me to be more dangerous than some other prosecutions."

Documents which arrived from the DPP's office concerning cases which needed the Attorney General's permission to proceed contained only the sketchiest details of forensic evidence. Mr Maitland said he was suspicious of the brevity. "I thought they were being secretive," he said. He would have liked to see details of the tests used, the results and perhaps some photographs of the process. The hearing continues today.

## Court throws out extradition appeal

FROM MARK FULLER IN THE HAGUE

THE Dutch Supreme Court yesterday rejected an appeal by Donna Maguire, a suspected IRA member, against her extradition to Germany where she is wanted in connection with the murder of a British serviceman and bomb attacks on military bases.

The court's decision still has to be ratified by the country's justice ministry, and is expected to be confirmed soon. Wouter van Nispen, a court spokesman said, five judges rejected Maguire's appeal that the case against her was not convincingly proven. Maguire, aged 25, from Newry, Co. Down, is being held in Maastricht prison pending the extradition.

The decision will come as a relief to British authorities, who were outraged in July when a Dutch court acquitted Maguire and three co-defendants of the murders of two

Australian tourists in Roermond last year. Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, is expected to protest about the decision at the Trevi Group meeting of European interior ministers this autumn.

Yesterday's decision will also please German authorities who first applied for Maguire's extradition from Ireland in 1989, after she was arrested on explosives charges.

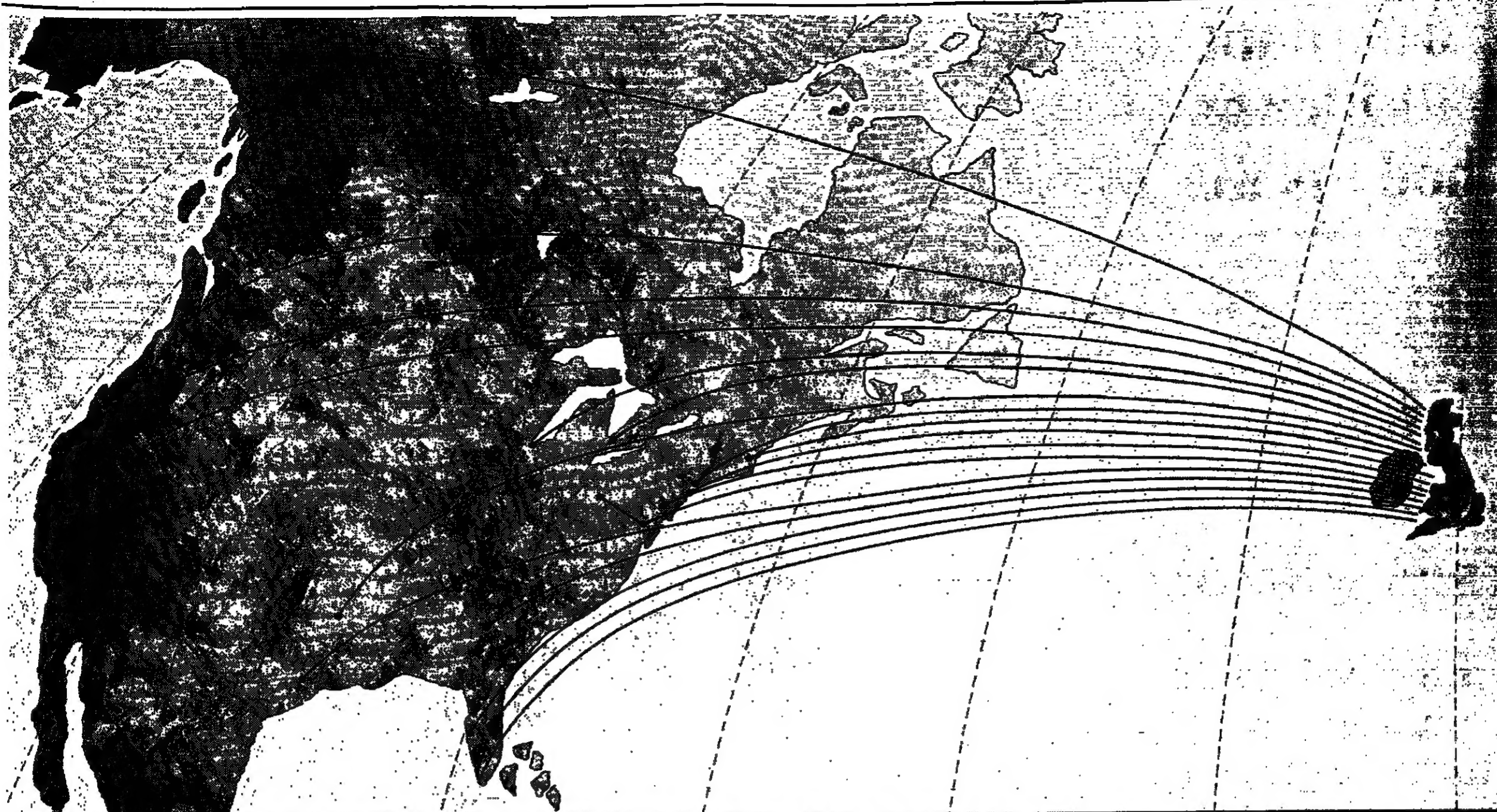
Maguire is wanted by German authorities for crimes she allegedly committed in 1989. She is accused of the murder of Corporal Steven Smith in Hanover in July, of a failed bomb attack on British Army barracks in Osnabrück and the attempted murder of a guard in June, of a sabotage attempt at barracks in Münster in the summer, and of having carried out IRA reconnaissance activities at several other British military bases in Germany.

## National Westminster Bank Mortgage Rate

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## Cut-price surgery abroad tempts sick to jump queues

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A SCHEME to help patients to find "bargain" operations on the Continent within six weeks will be launched today by two health care groups.

The move comes after research showed that countries such as France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Denmark could undercut private hospitals in this country by more than 50 per cent for many routine operations. Uninsured patients who are considering going private after being stuck on health service waiting lists will now be able to find out which hospital on the Continent can provide the least expensive treatment.

Mondial Assistance, an international group providing worldwide medical assistance, has compiled a list of fixed prices for 17 routine operations, covering up to 28 days treatment, which can be carried out within six weeks of the patient contacting the company. It will make all the arrangements for a £95 fee.

Mondial was approached by the Western Provident Association, Britain's third largest private health insurance company, to set up the scheme to try to put pressure on British hospitals to cut costs. The association will get a percentage of the fee.

Western Provident has been campaigning to keep down costs in private hospitals for two years and is convinced that once hospitals start publishing their prices, costs will reduce in this country. It does not intend to use the scheme for patients covered by its existing health insurance.

"Our objective is to create an external market giving people choice," David Ashdown, the association's marketing director, said. "We believe the Continental hospitals will make UK private hospitals more competitive. Hopefully that will bring down prices everywhere."

The prices quoted by Mondial Assistance include medical expenses, a private room with en suite bathroom, and food. Medical staff at most of the hospitals speak English. The firm will quote separately for travel costs

CHEAPEST UK	CHEAPEST EUROPE
Cataract	£1,200
Wisdom teeth	£200
Gall bladder	£2,100
Hernia (single)	£200
Hip	£2,800
Varicose veins (bilateral)	£200

the cost of a similar procedure on the Continent is £1,000 in Toulouse and £1,400 in Marseille.

Some Continental countries are more expensive than the United Kingdom. The same gall bladder operation costs £2,900 in Denmark and £4,300 in Belgium, while a hip operation costs £8,000 in Belgium, £4,000 in The Netherlands and £5,000 in Denmark.

Over the past three months, doctors from the Mondial Assistance have been visiting hospitals on the Continent to assess the standards of care and accommodation offered. Peter Mason, the company's medical director, said that patients would be offered treatment by a consultant, and that all specialists had more

than the minimum training recognised by the European Community. He admitted that training requirements on the Continent were less rigorous than those in Britain and that no data had been collected on outcomes. He said, however, that the company was satisfied with standards in the hospitals chosen.

Dr Mason added that GPs would be expected to care for the patients on their return home. "GPs cannot abrogate their duties of care," he said. "We are choosing common straightforward operations so the risk of complication is small." If serious complications occurred after 28 days the patient could seek health service treatment, or return to the hospital (possibly with extra cost). All hospitals listed are covered by medical indemnity.

The company believes that the initial market for European care would be up to 2,000 patients a year. At present there are more than 175,000 people on the health service lists who have waited for more than a year and 50 per cent of those need one of six routine operations: cataract, hip, hernia, varicose veins, sterilisation or tonsils and adenoids.

Dr Mason said that the scheme could appeal to GP fundholders who can buy treatment for their patients although the legality of placing large health service contracts abroad is unclear. An attempt by a Boulogne hospital to draw up contracts with health authorities in southeast England earlier this year failed when the health department said it was not permitted by existing regulations. However, French lawyers are confident that when the barriers come down in Europe next year such restrictions will have to change.

A Mori poll commissioned by Western Provident Association, which will be published today, shows that 41 per cent of people would be prepared to pay if they had to wait more than three months for treatment and 32 per cent were willing to go abroad to avoid a waiting list.

## Surgeons open up career path for women

By THOMSON PRENTICE MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

WOMEN doctors should be better able to compete in the male-dominated field of surgery as the result of a scheme launched by the Royal College of Surgeons of England and the health department yesterday. Less than one per cent of surgeons are women.

A proportion reflecting the difficulties female doctors have in reaching the higher levels of the medical professions.

Ways to improve the ratio were discussed at a conference held by the college in London yesterday chaired Dame Rosemary Rue, former regional general manager of Oxford regional health authority.

Under the new scheme, women doctors who want to become surgeons will be identified during medical training. The college said: "Every effort will be made to ensure that they receive the assistance and encouragement they need to pursue the training of their chosen specialty."

The scheme will be run jointly by the college and the health department, and will also involve regional health authorities, practising consultants and postgraduate deans. It is open to all women doctors who have passed the initial stage of Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons examinations.

The initiative is the result of recommendations made in a report earlier this year by a joint working party set up by the college and the department. The report said that although women embarking on a medical career are as able and as motivated as men, the increased output of women graduates from medical schools had not been matched by the career progress of women doctors.

Women are under-represented in the higher grades of the medical professions, especially at consultant level, and particularly within the surgical specialties. Of 1,217 general surgeons in England and Wales last year, only 11



Room at the top: Dame Rosemary Rue, below, is at the forefront of the campaign to encourage women to become surgeons, with Margaret Chichek, top, and Margaret Chichek, both of them practising surgeons

were women. Across all specialties, women make up only 12.5 per cent of consultants. While about 42 per cent of house officers — the most junior rank of hospital doctor — are female, only about 23 per cent become registrars.

The reasons include the difficulties faced by women doctors who want to pursue

their careers while also taking time off to have children and combining jobs with raising a family. Some of the doctors believe there is discrimination against them by senior male colleagues.

Relatively few women choose surgery partly because of the heavy burden of work involved, the conference was told.

## Labour steals a march on parents' rights

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

PARENTS will be asked to sign a personal contract with their children's schools undertaking to control the amount of television they watch, ensure that they have a good night's sleep and do all their homework, under proposals published by the Labour party yesterday.

Jack Straw, the party's education spokesman, said a typical contract would also ask parents to give educational presents, to see their child is properly equipped with a bag, pen, pencils and ruler, to attend parents' evenings and to keep the school informed of any problems that might affect their child's performance.

In return, schools will agree to educate the child to the best of their ability and to give parents more information and easy access to teachers. A Labour government would also introduce education advice shops, drop-in centres for parents at every school and teachers' surgeries.

Under Labour's parents' partnership, designed to upstage the government's parents' charter to be announced shortly, parents would also be given the legal right to set up a home-school association in which parents, teachers and some pupils would be able to discuss every aspect of the school and the education it offers.

"Parents would work with teachers to involve those parents who for practical or other reasons, find it difficult to involve themselves with school," Mr Straw said. "This would help remove the teacher complaint that the parents they really want to see never come to the school."

Under Labour's plans, every local education authority should publish a guide to all state schools in the area together with every organisation providing recognised nursery schools, playgroups and nurseries. Schools would be required to update their prospectus every year, publishing their results in public examinations and their national curriculum records for all children over seven, together with truancy rates and the number of times teachers were absent.

A Labour government

would also encourage local authorities to link with voluntary organisations to set up education advice centres which would offer impartial guidance to parents, students, and adults on courses, colleges and schools, including independent schools, in the area.

Parents would also be given detailed records of achievement on their children from the day they started school to the day they left, giving far more detail than that available in school reports. They would also have the right to take action against a local education authority they felt had behaved improperly and to speak at a public enquiry into any plan to close a school.

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, said last night: "Jack Straw is showing definite promise in pinching ideas from us. I am glad Jack likes the idea for league tables of school performance, though his idea is to make them so complicated no-one can understand them."

Teachers are working longer but spending less time in the classroom, according to a survey by the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers. The survey of 300 teachers showed that a typical teacher worked almost 52 hours each week, of which less than 22 hours was spent teaching.

## Baby was punched in play fight

A man who almost killed his 22-month-old son by punching him viciously in the stomach while trying to "toughen him up" was jailed for five years yesterday.

The child's mother came home to find the baby lying on the floor coughing up blood while his 26-year-old father sat on a sofa reading a newspaper. Derby crown court was told.

The boy was taken to hospital with a perforation to his small intestine. Mr John Burgess, for the prosecution, said surgeons also found damaged ribs, and cuts and bruises across the head and body.

When arrested, the father, who is unemployed, told police the injuries could have been caused during play-fighting. He admitted causing grievous bodily harm and a further charge of indecent assault against the child, who has recovered and is living with foster parents.

## Sex abuse father jailed

A man aged 52 who sexually abused two generations of his family over a period of 20 years was jailed for two and a half years at Leeds crown court yesterday.

In the 1970s he taught his stepdaughter, aged nine, sexual acts but stopped after her 15th birthday. In 1991 she reported him to the police after he touched her daughter, who was also nine. The man, a former mine worker now living in Bradford, admitted indecent assault.

## Hardy ruling

The transport department has rejected an application by Dorset county council for permission to put the name of Thomas Hardy, the author, on road signs leading to Dorchester, on which he based the town of Casterbridge.

## Insect HQ

The British Entomological and Natural History Society, which has a large collection of British and European insects, has been given permission to build its headquarters at Dinton Pastures country park near Wokingham, Berks.

## Digging deep

The Leonard da Vinci, claimed to be the world's biggest dredger, has arrived at Barrow, Cumbria, from Spain to dig a three-mile channel deep enough to take Trident submarines built at the nearby VSEL yard.

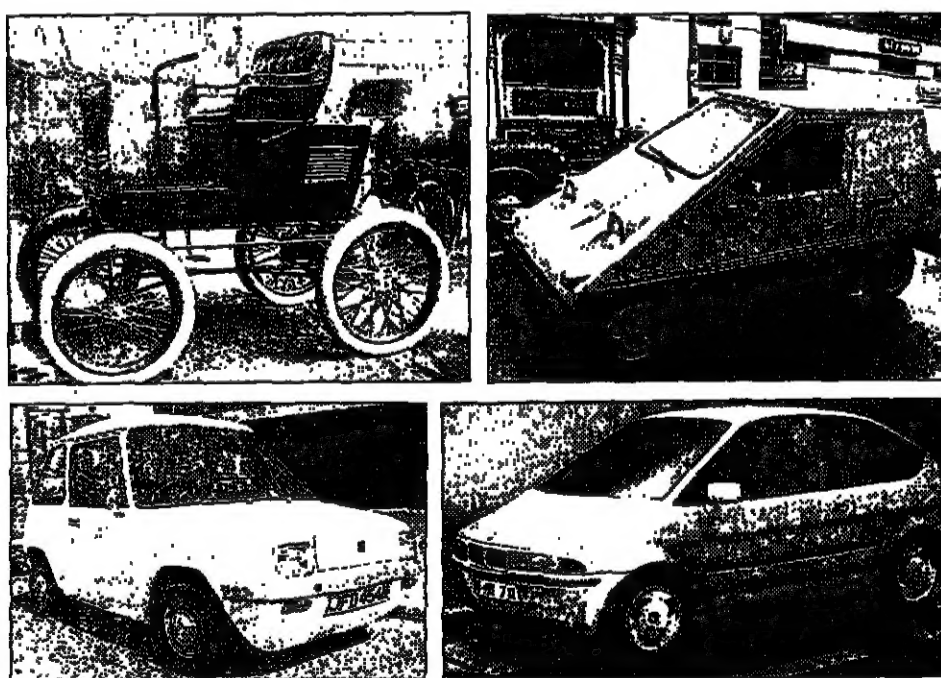
## Sea rescue

The four-man crew of a Royal Navy Sea King were rescued when their Mark 6 helicopter made a controlled ditching in the sea, 40 miles west of the Shetland Isles.

## Smoke alarm

Firemen put out a small blaze at a factory in Havant, Hants, which makes smoke detectors. "It was a bit ironic," police said.

## Changing face of motoring



Road to progress: clockwise, Orient electric car from 1899; a 1981 Comutacar made in Dublin; the latest BMW E1 prototype; and a 1970s Enfield 8000

## Electric cars gear up to take cities into a cleaner future

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT, IN FRANKFURT

ENGINEERS saw the electric car as the perfect transport nearly 100 years ago. Clean and quiet, it would glide through cities without creating exhaust fumes of the noisy internal combustion engine.

For over a century this has remained little more than a dream but yesterday saw the start of a drive towards making it a reality when more than two dozen electric cars,

which manufacturers say will be on the roads before the end of the century, went on view for the first time at the Frankfurt motor show.

The models are working prototypes of cars that will be needed to meet tough new pollution laws. In California, 2 per cent of all cars on sale will have to meet "zero emissions" regulations by 1998, which means that electricity will be

the only viable power source. The British will lead the way within two years with a range of vehicles for the Los Angeles department of water and power. Designed by IAD of Worthing, West Sussex, for CleanAir, a Swedish consortium, 30 prototypes will be on show at Frankfurt. IAD says that the models provide the basis for cars to be used in Los Angeles from 1993.

The vehicles, called LA 301, have a range of 60 miles and can be charged overnight for the equivalent of 50p. Back-up power comes from a conventional four-cylinder engine using "clean" gasoline.

BMW also has a model on show at Frankfurt. Its E1 is about the size of a Mini and weighs a quarter of the average petrol car, in spite of carrying 441lb of sodium sulphur batteries which give it a range of 155 miles and a top speed of 75mph.

## The ultimate Rolls

THE last car built at the famous Mulliner Park Ward subsidiary of Rolls-Royce went on display yesterday destined to be one of the most luxurious and expensive cars to come from the London coachbuilding works (Kevin Eason writes).

Only a discreet badge marks out the new Silver Spirit II touring limousine as a Mulliner car at the Frankfurt show. The car is the last in a long line of specially-built Rolls-Royces from the Park Royal works in west London. At almost 20ft,

the car is 20 inches longer than the Silver Spirit saloon on which it is based. Pull down the foldaway cocktail cabinet with crystal accoutrements in the back seats and settle back to listen to music from the compact disc player or even watch the television set in the burr walnut centre console. Champagne can be kept chilled in the refrigerator. There is a mobile telephone and fax machine. The car costs £210,000 and consumes petrol at the rate of 15 miles to the gallon.

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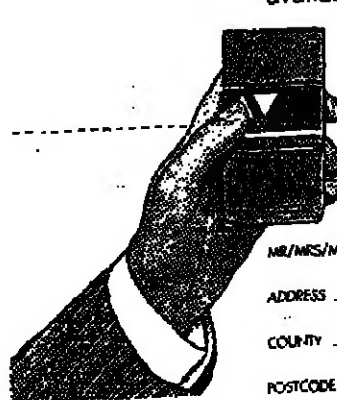
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## BBC tries to turn natural history unit into money-spinner

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

PROGRAMME makers at the BBC's world-renowned natural history unit in Bristol are being encouraged to start thinking of commercial applications for their work as part of a plan which looks far beyond the licence fee to finance more innovative nature programmes.

The unit, responsible for such widely-acclaimed series as *Wildlife on One*, *World about Us*, *The Natural World* and David Attenborough's *The Trials of Life*, is to announce the formation of a commercial arm at the Mipcom television festival in Cannes next month that will work alongside it to raise extra funding through the exploitation of both its natural history footage and scientific expertise.

A specially-recruited staff of 15 will make up the backbone of BBC Wildvision, a joint venture between the unit and BBC Enterprises, but production staff will also be called upon to think up "ideas and concepts" that could be communicated on a consultancy basis, to advertisers for use in television commercials. Ideas for applying natural history expertise to other genres of programming, such as dramas for the BBC, will also be welcome.

Meanwhile, BBC Wildvision will also consider ways of exploiting the unit's 34-year-old natural history programme library, which contains 15 million feet of film and 5,000 sound recordings. Footage will be reused to make other BBC programmes and also repackaged for sale to

outside film makers and educationists for projects in which the BBC itself is not interested.

Andrew Neal, head of the natural history unit, emphasised yesterday that commercial applications of the unit's work will be carried out by Wildvision staff, not the 100-member natural history production team. "We have got 100 very creative production staff. If they wake up in the middle of the night with an idea that would use of natural history footage to reflect what a certain company might want its image to be in an advert, Wildvision will certainly listen."

Mr Neal said the money raised from the project will enable the BBC natural history unit to invest both in new technology and the training of new creative talent. "Let's face it: the licence fee is unlikely to increase in real terms. Where else is the funding going to come from to ensure we stay at the forefront of innovative television?"

A division of Wildvision will concentrate on keeping the BBC at the forefront of technological development, allowing the unit to continue with such pioneering equipment as the underwater electronic cameras and sound equipment that will allow BBC1 viewers to watch presenters talking clearly to each other under water in three weeks' time with the new series *Seatrek*. "That cost a lot of money to develop; so do the new video cameras that are hardly bigger than a fountain pen that allow us to film

animal behaviour unobtrusively," Mr Neal said.

Meanwhile, new BBC documentaries will become part of "multi-media packages" of books, videos, cassettes and eventually interactive compact discs, containing text, moving pictures and sound. "We will use our non-broadcasting side to ensure we become the world's leading multimedia producer. But standards will be kept up."

As for the programme library, Mr Neal said: "We know we're sitting on a goldmine of footage. We filmed creatures years ago that are now extinct in habitats that have changed significantly. We will soon be able to make programmes showing the effects of environmental damage."

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Richard Goss, a *Wildlife on One* cameraman, gets a close up of a South African meerkat

## Orkney abuse girl 'attempted suicide'

ONE of the original Orkney children taken into care thought she was pregnant after sleeping with her brother, and tried to kill herself at school, it was disclosed yesterday.

Michelle Miller, an Orkney social worker, told the enquiry into allegations of child abuse on Orkney that the girl was in care at a school in the Highlands. On returning there, after spending the 1989 Easter holidays at home in South Ronaldsay, the girl took an overdose of paracetamol and began to mutilate herself.

Mrs Miller told the enquiry that the father of the W family was jailed for physically and sexually abusing the children but that after he was locked up, the younger female children were abused by the elder males. There were 15 members of the family, the enquiry was told.

She said that attempts by social workers to have the children taken into care were continually thwarted by the then children's panel reporter on the islands, Catherine Kemp, and other children's panel members.

The enquiry continues.

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## Soldier 'listened to conscience'

By PETER VICTOR

A SOLDIER accused of being a Gulf War deserter wrote a letter while on the run explaining why he would not help a campaign to "reduce Iraq to ruins", a court martial was told yesterday.

Gunner Vic Williams, aged 28, told how his conscience had driven him to go absent without leave from his unit in Dortmund, Germany, on the eve of his departure for the Middle East. The letter, to his commanding officer, was read out by Captain Mark Milligan, formerly adjutant with 27 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery - the unit to which Gunner Williams was sent before flying to the Gulf.

In the letter, Gunner Williams, said if he had been informed of any procedure that existed for conscientious objectors "I would have not felt the need to go AWOL".

The prosecution showed a video of a BBC documentary in which Gunner Williams was asked if he expected to go to prison. He said: "Yes, quite simply. I doubt that they'll let me off lightly." The hearing continues today.

## Pollution helps bugs kill trees

By NIGEL HAWKES  
SCIENCE EDITOR

TREES exposed to air pollution provide such a tasty diet for aphids that they are in danger of being nibbled to death, a five-year study has shown.

Scientists at Imperial College, London, and Lancaster university have found that nitrogen dioxide, sulphur dioxide and ozone all encourage the growth of aphids on conifers. Though the trees seldom die, their growth can be stunted by 15 to 20 per cent as the aphids feed on leaves, needles and shoots.

The finding is one result of a £1-million programme launched in 1986 and funded jointly by the electricity companies and the Natural Environment Research Council to investigate the effects of air pollutants on trees and crops.

The study said the reason aphids proliferate so fast is that the biochemistry of the trees is altered by pollutants. Changes in the amino acids and the ratio of nitrogen to sugar in the sap of the plants make it a better source of food.

## Councils shake off loony left image

By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

THREE London councils that were once bastions of the hard left were praised yesterday for their new "customer friendly" approach.

Labour controlled Lewisham and Islington, and Tory controlled Brent, "positively take pains to settle complaints, an attitude which can only enhance their reputations and bring credit to local government as a whole," the annual report of local government ombudsmen said.

However, Liverpool city council was condemned for "chronic delays" in repairing council houses. Patricia Thomas, ombudsman for the North, said: "Unless a tenant seeks assistance from the courts, the ombudsman or a councillor, there is only a limited possibility of the council discharging its responsibilities as a landlord. That is not an acceptable state of affairs for a public authority."

Mrs Thomas said she had been forced to send her own staff to inspect Liverpool council houses to ensure that repairs were carried

out. Liverpool was one of three Labour controlled councils which were condemned. The report accused Manchester council of dragging its feet over council house sales.

Mrs Thomas said some sales were taking more than three and a half years to process. That meant that tenants were having to wait between six and seven years before they could sell their homes. Manchester, Liverpool and Wakefield, had "persisted in rejecting or ignoring ombudsmen's findings and refused to implement remedies sought", the report said.

Overall the ombudsmen noted a "dramatic improvement" in local authorities' complaints procedures, a trend which they attributed to moves by the main political parties to give new rights to consumers of public services. Both the government's proposed Citizen's Charter and Labour's Quality Commission plan to place emphasis on responding swiftly to customer complaints.



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## Beith commits his party to a single European currency

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Liberal Democrats committed themselves yesterday to a radical package of economic policies, including the creation of an independent central bank, rapid progress towards a single European currency, the setting of a national savings target and the decentralisation of pay bargaining.

The white paper approved by the party's annual conference in Bournemouth plans a shift of the burden of business taxation away from employers' national insurance contributions and towards taxes on resources. Under the party's plans to strengthen competition policy, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and the Office of Fair Trading would become independent of government.

Although some senior Liberal Democrats have doubts about how far economic management can be ring-

fenced from political interference, Alan Beith, the party's economic spokesman, promised changes under a Liberal Democrat government that would not just change present economic policies but also alter the whole system by which they were made.

Pointing out that interest rates invariably came down as elections approached, and nowadays also as Conservative conferences approached, he pledged reforms to "reduce ministers' ability to subordinate economic policy to political tactics" and to force them to concentrate on the long term. It was not democratic that politicians can "fiddle the economy to fiddle the election".

An independent central bank, first in Britain, then in Europe, would prevent ministers from moving interest rates for political ends and fixed-term parliaments would stop prime ministers choosing dates to suit themselves.

Calling the national savings target the main innovation in the policy, Mr Beith said that in 1989 Britain had saved only 4.5 per cent of its national income while France saved 8.6 per cent, Germany more than 11 per cent and Japan almost 20 per cent.

Putting his party unequivocally in the free market camp, he said: "Where markets work, government should simply set the framework of law and tax. Where markets don't, government must decide how to compensate, by removing the blocks to markets working where possible or by intervention where that is the only way".

An attempt by Liberal Democrat trade unionists to amend the economic policy by providing for collective bargaining at national, regional and local level to be guided by a national consultative body was heavily defeated.

Mr Beith said that Labour governments had failed to reverse Britain's decline by increasing the government's involvement in the economy; Conservatives had failed to do so by abolishing the government's role. Liberal Democrats planned a carefully defined, restricted role for government.

### Free condoms for delegates

FREE condoms were available to delegates, the conference was told during a debate on Aids. Lucy Jackson, of the Student Young Liberals, said that they were available in the exhibition area.

During the debate Janet Rees-Mills, candidate for Chorley, said she wanted a policy to encourage as many people as possible to have the HIV test. The party should work for a policy that could save the lives of young people.

Archy Kirkwood, MP, said that there was a big potential for an Aids pandemic. Health education campaigns must get the message across because ignorance was death.

A motion calling for a national campaign against the disease was passed without dissent.

government. But they preferred investment in education and in the infrastructure to tax cuts.

In the debate, Liberal Democrat leaders were urged to speak out more forcefully in the interests of small businesses, helping them to collect their debts and to change the "predatory nature" of the stock exchange, which ensured that companies were bought for their property assets to be stripped.

□ National insurance: The conference passed a motion deploring the government's gross mismanagement of the economy and putting forward proposals for cutting the employer's national insurance contribution; adding to the training budget and improving standards of training for long-term unemployed people; and providing a guarantee of work in socially and environmentally useful activities for long-term unemployed people.

The motion also urged the implementation of the party's small business charter in order to support small businesses.

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Beith: interest rates "drop as elections approach"

## Leaders call for 'Berlin airlift' of food to USSR

By OUR POLITICAL EDITOR

THE failure of the coup in the Soviet Union should be followed by further comprehensive negotiations on arms reductions, the Liberal Democrats decided yesterday. Their defence spokesman, Menzies Campbell, called for a repeat of the Berlin airlift "at this minute" to ensure that the Soviet people did not starve.

The conference passed an emergency motion urging arms cuts and seeking the construction of a pan-European security framework.

Lord Holmes of Cheltenham won some of the loudest applause of the day when he said that boldness was now required on nuclear arms. "We need urgent Western proposals through Nato for mutual cuts far deeper than anything done so far", he said.

"We need to eliminate land-based short-range missiles. We need drastically to reduce airborne short-range nuclear weapons and strategic weapons. It is indefensible politically, economically, militarily and morally to maintain a missile mountain in the new world in which we and the Warsaw Pact are now willy-nilly partners in building our own security."

Introducing the debate, Mr Campbell hit out at the G7 leaders, talking of "the my-

opia of the richest nations of the world, who invited Gorbachev to dine with them at the economic summit but sent him home hungry". The apparent humiliation of the Soviet leader, he said, had increased the risk of the coup that duly followed.

Mr Campbell said that the West had the opportunity to secure the democratisation of the once aggressive regime and the obligation to see that its 300 million people did not starve this winter. There was, too, "the opportunity to move towards a system of security for the whole of the European continent in which nuclear weapons play a decreasing part".

He said: "No iron curtain of self interest built by the West can now contain the agonies of the Soviet Union. We are unthinkingly linked. Without our nourishment they cannot develop; without our nourishment they cannot even survive." He called for EC food surpluses to be directed to empty stomachs in the Soviet Union rather than full warehouses in the Community.

Lord Beaumont-Carter said that with the Soviet Union in the throes of what will not necessarily be a democratic revolution, the world had a second chance to rebuild Europe but was in danger of failing because it underestimated the scale of the challenge. There was no evidence that the introduction of market economies necessarily entrenched democracy in a country because the immediate consequences included higher unemployment, a higher cost of living and an economic recession.

Criticising Western governments for their hesitancy in offering aid, he added: "Reform can only be introduced if accompanied and backed by aid".

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## Water supply pledge agreed

Water companies must adopt a code so that the poorest of their customers were not denied the fundamental right of a clean and pure supply of water if they fell into arrears with their water bills, Richard Livesey MP, leader of the Welsh Liberal Democrats, said during a debate on water disconnections.

The conference agreed a motion that also urged that disconnections for non-payment should be prohibited unless there were a court order.

### Welsh lamb protest

Welsh delegates have taken the opportunity to investigate the price of Welsh lamb in Bournemouth supermarkets, and are criticising the shops for their high prices. They say that, although a third of the ewes on offer at Buzith Wells last week were unsold and prices received were only about 55p a pound, one Bournemouth supermarket was charging an average of £1.67.

### Child care

Five charities united at the conference in a fringe meeting yesterday to launch a child care agenda, including a minister for children.

### Business today

The main business today is a debate on the policy paper *Changing Britain for Good*, a title that has become the theme of the conference. The paper contains the party's proposals for constitutional and political reform. Other debates today are on the potential takeover bid for ICI, rights of older people, the general election campaign, NHS trusts and the environment.

### CONFERENCE DIARY

## Now Ashdown, last of the three, surrenders to the image makers

JOHN Major shuddered at the idea of succumbing to the machinations of the image makers on entering 10 Downing Street. Yet the revelation that he tucks his shirt into his underpants has led inevitably to a series of subtle changes in his appearance this summer.

His hair, his spectacles and his suits have all undergone an overhaul. Neil Kinnock long ago gave himself up to accepting the advice of Peter Mandelson, Patricia Hewitt and, more recently Julie Hall, while his shadow cabinet has been colour co-ordinated by Barbara Follett.

Now Paddy Ashdown has given in. Before he makes his conference speech tomorrow the voice therapist, Margaret Lang, will have worked on his breathing to guarantee a deep, rhythmic delivery.

The actress Liz Lynne, best known for her voice-overs, who has been picked to stand in Rochdale in place of Sir Cyril Smith, has been giving him regular voice training during the past year. She will rehearse the keynote speech with him today to make sure that the timing and intonation are just right.

He rarely wears glasses and, as befits his Royal Marines background, the Ashdown hair is kept closely cropped and strictly in order.

Gone are the tight, creased trousers and narrow jackets of previous years. After a persistent campaign by his personal aides, he has switched to a sober, double-breasted suit with more generously cut trousers. Nothing too

extravagant, of course, for the leader of a party that used to think that sandals, jeans and check shirts the height of sophistication. As a standard size, I am assured that he picks his sober suits off the peg at Marks and Spencer and C & A.

Financially, the Liberal Democrats show a healthy balance book compared to either the Tories or the Labour party. From being £600,000 in the red in the darkest days of post-merger blues at the end of 1989, the party is nearing the £1.25 million target for the election fighting fund and has turned a sizeable overdraft at the Royal Bank of Scotland into a handsome six-figure surplus.

Most of the money has come from subscriptions and appeals. But the Liberal Democrats are also quietly sustained by a batch of about 2,500 benefactors, most opting to remain anonymous. Their help comes in the form of money or free services. Among the list of generous supporters are said to be Ludovic Kennedy, Barry Took, John Cleese and Hugh Lloyd.

The last time the Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman, Alan Beith, was in Bournemouth international conference centre, he recalled yesterday, was as an observer at the gathering of the Tory faithful. It was not an altogether pleasant experience, he said. He inadvertently went through a wrong door to find himself beside the platform face to face with the entire

assembled masses letting rip with *Land of Hope and Glory*.

A nasty thought at the end of the economics debate came from Lembit Opik, of Estonian ancestry, who has been selected to fight Newcastle Central at the election. If the 18 countries Soviet and Baltic countries are allowed to join the European Community, he wondered, how long would that make the Eurovision song contest?



Ashdown: voice therapist gets to work on his delivery

## Members urged to fight for animals

By SHEILA GUNN

LIBERAL Democrats were urged yesterday to become the main campaigning force in the next general election for animal rights when the party's annual conference voted to produce a green paper on animal welfare.

Simon Hughes, the party's environment spokesman, said that protection of animal rights was part of the party's environment policy. By the year 2025 up to a third of the earth's species could be extinct. For the same reasons, he added, the Liberal Democrats wanted to protect the rainforests and rescue the ozone layer and also to enhance the rights and protection available

to those sharing the planet with human beings.

Peter Chegwyrad, leader of Gosport borough council, said that the party should campaign on the conference resolution that backed the establishment of an animal protection commission, called for legislation to protect farm-bearing animals, stricter controls on animal experiments and an end to all unnecessary cruelty to animals.

He complained that some of the party's MPs tried to pretend there was no party policy and even favoured blood sports, factory farming and animal experiments.

## Local tax 'ready for next April'

IF JOHN Major called a November election the Liberal Democrats could put their local income tax into effect by next April, sparing Britain the misery of another year of poll tax and a following year of council tax.

David Bellotti, MP for Eastbourne made the claim when he opened a debate on local government finance by moving a motion calling for poll tax to be relaxed at the earliest opportunity.

He said that the party's local government finance proposals were the only ones related to ability to pay. Answering those outside the party who suggested that its ideas were impractical, he said that they worked in Germany, Denmark and America, and could work in Britain. Their proposals contained an equalisation element because the party always found it appropriate that the rich should help the poor.

The motion also called for the present unified business rate to be replaced by site value rating and, although several speakers strongly urged a local corporation tax

instead, that proposal was decisively rejected.

Grant Williams, of Birmingham Edgbaston, said that land value taxation had not been up to its job and site value taxation was simply a change of name. A corporate version of local income tax on businesses would be easy to collect and a fair tax.

Christopher Mason, the party's candidate for Glasgow Hillhead, said that if they adopted site value rating they would lose the support of small businessmen to which they were entitled.

Roy Douglas, of Croydon South, said that a proposal such as local corporation tax would make the party a laughing stock as a party that did not know its own mind.

Earl Russell said that the party needed to look at the issue of business taxation again. He was concerned about the effect of site value rating on city centres; it would create further incentives to get shops out of them.

The motion was carried.

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## US group alleges routine torture in postwar Kuwait

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

KUWAIT'S human rights record in the six months since liberation from Iraq is denounced in a 63-page report published today by the independent New York-based Middle East Watch.

"A Victory Turned Sour" is the most comprehensive indictment yet of the restored regime of Sheikh Jaber Ahmed al-Sabah, the emir. The document also accuses the American government of failing to condemn abuses widely reported in the West.

A Kuwaiti doctor who had been active in the resistance to the Iraqi occupation, told a representative of Middle East Watch inside the Mubarak al-Kabir hospital, where Kuwaiti security forces allegedly conducted brutal interrogations: "After seeing all these victims of torture, I see that Kuwait, after liberation, is producing

many little Saddams." Publication of the report, which appears just after America's agreement to sign a new defence pact with Kuwait and shortly before an expected official visit by the emir to Washington, is clearly timed to try to embarrass the Bush administration into stronger criticism. "The administration has acted far more as a defender of the Kuwaiti government than as a defender of human rights," the report says, "actively seeking to deflect attention from Kuwaiti abuses—than as a government intent on living up to the human rights principles which formed part of the rallying cry for war with Iraq," a spokesman for Middle East Watch said.

Based on fact-finding visits to the emirate, telephone interviews and research by Kuwaiti human rights mon-

itors, the report condemns the Kuwait government for continuing torture, arbitrary detention in appalling conditions and unlawful deportations. "Legal protections contained in the fourth Geneva Convention... have been systematically flouted in the process of summarily deporting Palestinians, Iraqis and Bidoons (stateless Arabs)," he said. "Refugees who fear persecution in Iraq have been returned to Saddam's grasp."

Although the report concedes that the level of violence against non-Kuwaitis has dropped, it suggests that there could still be mass expulsions of Palestinians and Bidoons. The document states: "The violence of the early months of liberation is increasingly being supplanted by an inhumane and illegal deportation process which threatens to accelerate in the light of a governmental decree that residency permits of all non-Kuwaiti citizens will expire at the end of October."

Alleging that arbitrary detention and torture remain at "disturbingly high levels," the report continues: "Torture takes place in a variety of government detention centres, abetted by the government's tolerance of long-term incommunicado detention and the absence of any prosecution of those responsible for violence against prisoners."

"Severe beatings with fists and clubs are the most common form of abuse, but other techniques include electric shock, burns with cigarettes and other hot items, rape and the denial of food and water... much of the torture was applied simply as an instrument of collective punishment against random members of the disfavoured nationalities."

Much of the report, ranging from an investigation into the discovery of 54 unidentified bodies in Kuwait's al-Rigga cemetery, to accounts of scores of individual cases of torture and deportation makes harrowing reading. The report quotes the testimony of three Palestinians and an Iraqi arrested in May, who said they were put through torture routines so well-practised that Kuwaiti officers had nicknames for different torture chambers. "The youths were led through what the police call the Party Room, the Barbecue Room and the Drinking Juice Room."

"In each, at least a dozen uniformed troops applied various forms of torture: beating with sticks and poles, electric shocks and burns with cigarettes and heated rods, plus forced drinking of what smelled like sewage water. The scars were still visible when the four were interviewed ten days after their release."

● Kuwait City: President Bush will visit Kuwait early next year, the emirate's ambassador to America was quoted as saying yesterday by the newspaper Sawt al-Kuwait. (AFP)



Singles court: Martina Navratilova, the tennis star, breaking down while giving evidence to a preliminary hearing in Fort Worth, Texas, over a suit filed by Judy Nelson, her former lesbian lover. Ms Nelson claims that the millionaire player reneged on an agreement to pay her half of

the estimated \$5 million (£2.9 million) to \$9 million she earned during their relationship. Ms Navratilova, who cried in the witness box several times, told the court that she was threatened with a public airing of their affair unless she agreed to divide her estate with the Texas divorcee. (Reuters)

## Democratic hopefuls to join Tsongas on campaign trail

From PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, IN ST LOUIS, MISSOURI

PAUL Tsongas has barely four days left as the lone candidate for the Democrat presidential nomination for 1992. Unlike most office-seekers, who manoeuvre to keep opponents out of their race, Senator Tsongas is delighted that on Sunday he will be joined by Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa and, after that, almost certainly by Bill Clinton, the Arkansas governor, Douglas Wilder, the Virginia governor, and Senator Bob Kerrey of Nebraska.

"I have pleaded with them all to run," he said. "We need to plough up the ground of our party and get new plants to grow. I can't do that by myself." His name has not attracted popular attention since the former Massachusetts senator announced his candidature in April. When we met in the Midwest he was without aides and unrecognised by passers by. But among his rivals, the

Greek-American company director, aged 50, enjoys greater respect. He swapped politics for a business career seven years ago after overcoming cancer. He used this time, in unprecedented fashion, to draw up an economic programme, "A Call to Economic Arms", which he wants his party to adopt.

He unashamedly backs the process of wealth creation. He wants a national economic policy like that of Germany and Japan, including a capital gains tax cut to boost domestic investment. He wants a rapid end to what he calls the "twinkly economics" of tax-and-spend that has left his party untrusting by the national electorate for all but four of the past 24 years.

Governor Clinton has called the programme "a well-done piece of work". Senator Tsongas is less likely than the charismatic Mr Clinton to win the nomination, but he has the satisfaction of knowing that he has helped to change his party's economic agenda. But he has an educator's air which Mr Clinton is not alone in finding an irritation. "Senator Tsongas and I have never taken an economic test against each other," the Arkansas governor said acidly in response to a Tsongas claim to greater economic understanding than his competitors. A liberal activist said Tsongas "is the Democrats' guru of guilty conscience, but he does not frighten us because he cannot win. He is too boring." He can cause trouble, however, especially for Senator Harkin, Iowa's favourite man of the old left, who is expected to announce his candidacy at a barbecue on Sunday. The Harkin plan is a new "New Deal" which he calls resource-based economics, but which Senator Tsongas dismisses point-by-point as "no economic policy at all".

## Hectic schedule attracts criticism

By DAVID WATTS  
DIPLOMATIC  
CORRESPONDENT

SO INTENSE have the pressures of Douglas Hurd's peripatetic lifestyle become that the itinerary of his African visit, which begins today in Kenya, has been trimmed because of an accelerating diplomatic programme.

Critics are beginning to look askance at the current vogue for "road-show" diplomacy: foreign affairs of the hand-shake, photo-opportunity variety, relatively free of content. "There's no time for serious discussion," George Foulkes, Labour's foreign affairs spokesman, said—and its lack of impact, he believes, is exemplified by the European Community's attempts to solve Yugoslavia's problems. Yugoslav diplomacy kept Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office minister, busy during the holiday break which dissolved into a hectic work schedule for many of Mr Hurd's European counterparts. But the foreign secretary's programme of travel resumed with a vengeance at the beginning of the month when he went with John Major to China.

The Yugoslav peace conference soon afterwards demanded his attention. Then there was a brief pause before he flew to Moscow for yesterday's conference on human rights. Barely had Mr Hurd had time to speak before he was on the plane to Nairobi at the start of an African swing.

The week beginning September 23 sees the "hardy annual" of world diplomacy, the United Nations General Assembly in New York. At the end of the month, the EC foreign affairs committee requires a presence at foreign minister level. In October, there is the Commonwealth heads of government meeting in Harare, after which comes the Nato summit and the full schedule of key policy meetings on the future of the EC.

The foreign secretary's African focus comes after what are already almost the forgotten issues of earlier this year—the Kurds and Iraq-related security questions. His programme is one that would surely tax a less energetic man and many now believe that the importance of European issues is alone enough to justify the appointment of a minister for Europe.

Foreign Office colleagues describe Mr Hurd's recent schedule as "very demanding of a single individual". Between the middle of May and the end of June he was out of Britain attending no fewer than ten European gatherings, beginning with the European Foreign Affairs Council in Brussels and ending with a meeting of the European Council in Luxembourg. Six of the journeys involved overnight stays and pre-occupied Mr Hurd for two days. During that same period his ministers of state undertook a further five EC-related missions.

In most international gatherings it would not be appropriate for Britain to be represented by anyone below Mr Hurd's rank and, certainly on policy questions on Europe, there are moves of such importance that delegation would be out of the question. The real test will come this autumn as the long climb towards the creation of Britain's future in Europe gathers pace.

## Hurd on delicate mission to Kenya

By SAM KILEY  
AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

DOUGLAS Hurd arrives in Nairobi this morning for his first visit to Kenya as foreign secretary with a delicate diplomatic mission. He must reassure an increasingly paranoid government that "foreign masters" have no intention of destabilising President Moi, while at the same time making clear that continued British support and financial aid depends on the government remaining corruption free and keeping a clean record on human rights.

Ironically, after talks with Mr Moi, George Saitoti, his vice-president, and Ndolo Ayah, the foreign minister, Mr Hurd will fly to Kisumu, on Lake Victoria, the site of a government enquiry into the murder of Robert Ouko, the former foreign minister, which could expose widespread corruption in high places. Nicholas Biwott, the energy minister, has been accused at the enquiry, which has run for 204 days, of waging a vendetta against Ouko and of allegedly accepting a commission of £1.7 million for arranging for an Italian company to rebuild a molasses plant in Ouko's constituency.

While these and other allegations—that local police in Kisumu tried to make Ouko's murder look like suicide, for instance—have been sensational, the enquiry has so far been allowed to run its course free of government interference. There has been no repetition of the rioting provoked by Ouko's death last year in which at least 20 people died.

After the rioting and a protracted row with Washington over human rights abuses and the imprisonment of opposition leaders and lawyers critical of Mr Moi's regime (all of whom have now been released), the government has made a notable effort to improve its record on human rights, according to diplomats in Nairobi.

But diplomatic pressure must be applied with kid gloves. Kenyan MPs, resentful of what they see as neo-imperialist meddling, continue to complain of attempts by so-called foreign masters to destabilise the government. Some MPs even accuse the American CIA of plotting Mr Moi's death.

Britain, still considered the most influential foreign power in Kenya despite contributing only about £40 million a year in aid, well behind Japan's £400 million, has so far taken the softest line.

The government, while explicit about its policy of tying aid packages to conditions of respect for human rights and what it calls "good government", has been careful not to provoke resentment.



Moi: will hear conditions for continued British aid

## Aquino heads pro-base march

From ABBY TAN  
IN MANILA

PRESIDENT Aquino and tens of thousands of Filipinos marched in torrential rain to the Philippine senate yesterday in a last effort to win ratification of a military bases treaty with the United States.

The crowd, estimated by police to number between 100,000 and 150,000, rallied in a square to endorse the American presence in the Philippines, and to urge that the forces be allowed to stay another ten years. Mrs Aquino marched half a mile at the head of the column of supporters to the senate.

A home-made bomb exploded under a soft drinks lorry during the rally, slightly injuring three people, police said. The explosion took place while Mrs Aquino was having a private meeting in the senate with Jovito Falarin, the president of the senate.

On Monday, the senate foreign relations committee rejected, by a 12-11 vote, the treaty granting the United States use of Subic Bay naval base for a further ten years. The full senate is expected to cast its final vote on the agreement later this week or, at the latest, on Monday, when the current lease on the naval base and Clark air base runs out.

Mrs Aquino's aides said yesterday that senators agreed to consider holding a national referendum on the issue. Despite the emotional march, senators opposed to the bases said the Aquino magic would not work. "I don't think our positions will change," said Agapito Aquino, the president's brother-in-law. Groups estimated at 6,000 people held a counter-rally at the senate after Mrs Aquino left. Many of the pro-base



Clark Air Base and Subic Bay Naval Base. The map shows the Philippines with Luzon and Manila labeled. The bases are marked with stars and labeled. A scale bar indicates 15 miles.

supporters came from the northern Philippines. They carried balloons and placards reading "Yes to retention of US bases" and "Keep the US bases to prosper". Mrs Aquino, in a speech to the rally, gave a warning of serious economic problems if the American forces left.

American officials have said that rejection of the treaty spells the end of extensive American aid for the Philippines. Philippines business leaders have given a warning of the loss of confidence among foreign investors if the Subic base closes.

Mrs Aquino lacks the 16 votes required to ratify the treaty. Only 11 senators have said they will vote for it. Under the treaty, Washington will give up Clark, which was badly damaged by the recent eruptions of the Mount Pinatubo volcano, but will retain Subic for ten years for \$203 million (£118 million) annually. However, opposing senators have said that the offer is an insult.



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## Columbus inspires great visa lottery

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

IF YOU dream of living in America, now is your chance. Monday, October 14, is Columbus Day and the State Department is celebrating with a lottery. The prizes are 40,000 immigrant visas—almost all for Europeans.

People kill to acquire one of these priceless "green cards" in normal circumstances, but on this occasion there is no need to have relatives already living in America nor an offer of employment. There is no limit to the number of entries an individual can make. There is no application charge, not even a formal application form. All one need do is write one's name, address and a couple of other details on a piece of paper and send it to a Virginia post office.

The visas will go to the senders of the first 40,000 letters which are received after 00.01am on October 14 at the Merrifield post

office, near Washington, but therein lies the problem. Officials expect to receive five million applications that week and to stand a realistic chance of success applications must arrive by the first post that Monday morning.

Judging the precise moment to mail applications from abroad is almost impossible. Premature applications and those hand-delivered by courier or registered mail will not be accepted. Moreover thousands of applicants, probably including many who live illegally in America, are expected to travel in person to the building to mail their letters just after the last weekend collection.

Already this problem is spawning a cottage industry in unpleen countries. Entrepreneurs are offering, for a fee, to take applications to northern Virginia in order to put them in the post at the optimum moment.



## Right-wing Croats press Zagreb for unfettered military action to end Yugoslav conflict

## Tudjman urged to risk all-out war

From ROGER BOYES IN ZAGREB

FRANJO Tudjman, the Croatian president, is being urged to step up the conflict with Serb insurgents and to risk all-out war. A few months ago he could have shrugged off such a political challenge, but he is now the beleaguered leader of a country reeling from daily defeat on the battlefield.

Dr Tudjman was Tito's youngest general, but he was a political rather than a battlefield general, a key difference that is becoming apparent. He has appeared only once in uniform during the present conflict: wearing a bulletproof vest and tailored battle camouflage, he flew to Sisak to inspect the frontline. National

guard officers immediately asked for more firepower to tackle the Yugoslav army, which has unlimited supplies and heavy guns.

Dr Tudjman advised them to shoot less and save their ammunition. He said Croatia would win back the territory, more than a third of the republic, lost to the Serbs this summer, but he did not say how.

The nationalists inside the Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) are very unhappy about Dr Tudjman's policies. The Croatian leader has staked everything on persuading the West that the republic wants a lasting and equitable

peace. The nationalists consider that such a stance smacks of surrender and they believe that the peace conference at The Hague runs the risk of becoming a kind of postwar settlement in which a humiliated Croatia is dismembered, with international blessing, in return for its independence.

In almost all the battle areas, Slavonia, Banija and behind the Adriatic coast, local commanders now belong to the extreme right wing of Dr Tudjman's HDZ party. In private conversation and increasingly in public they describe the Croatian president as indecisive and afraid of a fight. Even those close to him admit that the president sometimes finds it difficult to make swift decisions or commit himself to a military policy.

Dr Tudjman is not giving in to demands for an all-out war — there has not even been a general mobilisation of young Croats — because he wants to contain the already heavy human losses and keep Croatia on track for international recognition. War would deflect the West from this cause and could lose the Croatian leader the diplomatic support of Germany.

In a fine irony, Dr Tudjman's most vehement peacetime critics, the former communists now known as the Party of Democratic Change (SDP), are keeping him in power. Zdravko Tomac, a leading member of the SDP and deputy leader of the all-party wartime government, says that there is no alternative to the Croatian leader.

● Madrid: Eduardo Flores, a Hungarian of Latin-American parentage, who has been reporting the fighting in Yugoslavia for the Barcelona newspaper, *La Vanguardia*, has quit to enlist in the Croatian defence forces. He said: "I have never in my life seen such a dirty war as this one in Croatia." (Reuters)



Given the elbow: Serbian commandos practising martial arts at a training camp near Titova Korenica yesterday

## Enmity burns on altar of nationalism

By ANNE McELVOY

THE tomb of Cardinal Alojz Stepinac on the altar of Zagreb's gothic cathedral is barely visible beneath the Croatian flags, candles and flowers which deck it. The offerings bear the word *Hvala* — thank you. Before it, young Croatian guardsmen pray.

Religion is an endemic part of national identity in Croatia, which is overwhelmingly and fervently Roman Catholic. It is also a powerful weapon in the battle for the future shape of the region. The Pope has said that he intends to visit the republic and has thrown himself behind Croatia's efforts for independence.

The present conflict is opening up ancient divisions between the Orthodox church of Serbia and Roman Catholics,

and is reawakening memories of injustices perpetrated in the name of religion. The Catholic church in Croatia has a tarnished record from the second world war, having welcomed the establishment of the republic as a quiescent nazi state in 1941 in order to escape Serbian domination.

Several Franciscan monks participated in killings of Serbs in Croatian Bosnia. In the worst incidents, Serbs were lured into Catholic churches on the promise that conversion to Rome would save them, and then killed.

Cardinal Stepinac never openly condemned the Ustashi and even now Cardinal Franjo Kuharic, the spiritual leader of Croatia's Catholics, tries to play down

the killings. "It was only a handful and the church never gave her approval," he said, waving his hand in dismissal. The figures involved have never been verified. The church was saved from an intensive examination of its acceptance of the wartime regime and its atrocities by the suppression it suffered when the Communists took power.

Cardinal Stepinac was given a show trial and sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment for war crimes — an unfounded charge intended to discredit the church further. It had the opposite effect. People rallied around the cardinal, turning him into a hero and martyr. He was released from jail after ten years, but confined to his native village, Krasic, to pre-

vent him becoming the figurehead of a nationalist, religious revival. Posthumously, that is what he has become.

Cardinal Kuharic speaks eloquently of the need for peace, for respect for human life and of universal ethical codes, but the conciliatory words soon spill over into declarations which could as easily come from Croatia's most militant politicians. "We wanted: sincere and honest dialogue with the Serbian church leaders," said the cardinal, "but their judgment of the situation is too influenced by the politics of Serbia and by propaganda." He seems unaware, or perhaps just unapologetic, that his stance bears the stamp of Croatia's propaganda, too.

## Judge says reporter murdered

Santiago — A British journalist found dead in his Santiago hotel room in March last year was killed and then hanged to make his death look like suicide, a Chilean judge said.

The body of Jonathan Moyle, aged 28, of *Defence Helicopter World*, was found semi-clothed in a wardrobe. Judge Alejandro Solis said there were no suspects, nor had officials determined a motive. Jorge Trivino, the lawyer representing Moyle's family, said he did not rule out involvement of drug or arms traffickers. (AFP)

## Garcia denial

Lima — Alan Garcia, the former Peruvian president, denied to congressional investigators here that he used £290,000 of government cash to build three houses in Lima. The accusation was "a cunning and malevolent trick" and "sheer falsehood", Señor Garcia, aged 42, said. (AP)

## Dissident home

Hong Kong — Luo Haixing returned home to a tumultuous welcome here after two years in jail in China for allegedly helping pro-democracy activists try to escape after the Tiananmen Square killings. "I am just so happy to be home," he said, adding that he wanted a holiday and might visit Britain. (Reuters)

## Star's Aids death

Los Angeles — The actor Brad Davis, who starred in the film *Midnight Express* and co-starred in *Chariots of Fire*, has died of an AIDS-related illness, aged 41. His widow said he contracted HIV from drug use. The family had kept his infection secret as he feared he would not get work as an actor. (AP) *Obituary*, page 16

## Unlucky strike

Hong Kong — Nine hundred prisoners who make clothes, shoes and wood products in Stanley jail's workshops, went on strike after a move to end free cigarette rations as part of an anti-smoking campaign, an official said. (Reuters)

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## Democrats line up challenger to Gorbachev as rights conference begins in Moscow

# Sobchak supporters set their sights on Soviet presidency

From ANATOL LIEVEN IN ST PETERSBURG

AS WESTERN foreign ministers met President Gorbachev in Moscow yesterday, supporters of Anatoli Sobchak, the popular and energetic mayor of St Petersburg, urged him to challenge Mr Gorbachev for the Soviet presidency. His charisma would make him a formidable contender, even if Boris Yeltsin — his democratic ally — also entered the lists. Mr Gorbachev has promised free presidential elections.

Some here believe Mr Sobchak is using St Petersburg — formerly Leningrad — as a stepping stone to the Kremlin. But there is concern among more radical democrats that leading lights of the democratic movement, Mr Sobchak included, are really reform communists at heart and would not be all that different

from Mr Gorbachev. Mr Sobchak has his detractors on the St Petersburg city council, which he is accused of bypassing in an autocratic manner. Boris Misseyev, the deputy chairman of the council, said: "In Petersburg, Mr Sobchak is not so popular as in the West and in Russia as a whole, because we know him better."

Mr Sobchak is handsome, highly intelligent, a forceful speaker, and very popular among ordinary citizens. He has lost ground among the intelligentsia, despite the fact that, unlike President Yeltsin, who is a man of the people, he is a professor of law and an intellectual himself. He left the communist party last year. Personal criticisms of Mr Sobchak focus on his alleged tendency to be high handed, to change his mind rapidly and

to surround himself with sycophantic and self-seeking advisers.

Mr Sobchak's supporters on the other hand praise his courage, decisiveness and imagination.

The new rulers, such as Mr Yeltsin, Mr Sobchak, and Gavril Popov, the mayor of Moscow, as former communists are trying to make a compromise with parts of the old establishment, where the radicals want to sweep it away and take over its jobs.

In the words of Commander Viktor Drozdov, a St Petersburg naval officer and radical deputy: "We have not yet had a victory for democracy. All that has happened is that the old, state economic establishment has stepped into the shoes of the communist political establishment." By doing this, the industrial managers were taking their own revenge for the way that Khrushchev and Brezhnev transferred their powers to communist party organs.

Anatoli Golov, another Social Democrat deputy, pointed to the strong interest of managers in gaining control of state bodies so that they can then get on with "spontaneous privatisation", turning themselves into semi-private controllers of vast chunks of Soviet industry. Mr Golov called them "the proprietors of state property".

Radical anxieties about what is happening in St Petersburg centre on the figure of Georgi Khizha, whose ultimate power base lies in his position as director of the giant Svetlana military electronics factory. On the strength of this, Mr Khizha became chairman of the "association of state enterprises" in the city. With around 500,000 workers and another million dependents, the directors in this body directly govern the lives of a quarter of St Petersburg's population. Mr Khizha gained even more influence as the representative of the Soviet Union on the commission to decide the future of Soviet and Russian state property in the city. Finally, last week Mr Sobchak appointed Mr Khizha to head the city's commission on economic reform.

In Mr Golov's view, "Sobchak has done this because Khizha has a solid name in industry, and is a serious and efficient man. Sobchak may also be paying a debt to Khizha and the industrialists for having supported him against the communist party this past year. But in my opinion the mayor is making a mistake. He has always avoided picking strong men, but in this case, Khizha is actually more powerful than Sobchak."

Conor Cruise O'Brien, page 14



Flash point: A supporter of the Georgian opposition party becoming involved in a heated debate at the barricades in Tbilisi yesterday. Tension is high in the republic since demonstrators took to the streets for five days last week. The barriers were erected by supporters of the Party for National Independence in protest at a call from President Gamsakhurdia to get rid of his political opponents in the republic. Leaders of Georgian intellectuals held a meeting before the demonstration and decided to support groups opposed to the hardline government. (AFP)

## Tricky game of name changes

By TIM JONES

WHILE citizens of Leningrad may be delighted that from October 1 the name of the Soviet Union's second city is to be changed to St Petersburg, this particular manifestation of freedom from communism is being greeted with less than enthusiasm in the West.

The revolution sweeping through the old Marxist empire is causing unwanted problems for a host of organisations, ranging from British Airways to the government-funded Permanent Committee on Geographical Names. For cartographers, this is just the tip of the iceberg.

Hundreds of villages which did not exist before the 1917 revolution were named Krasny Otkryad (Red October). As each village is within a district or republic which

wants either to change its name or dispute its boundaries, the committee's task has become charged with political and educational importance.

Alison Ewington, senior cartographic editor for Times Books, which produces *The Times Atlas of the World*, said: "Remember last year we had the reunification of Germany and the unification of Yemen? This is the same sort of task, but on a far larger scale. We are talking of thousands of changes. For example, Angkor Wat changes to Ruybink, Brezhnev changes to Naberzhnyye Chelny, and Chernenko changes to Sharypovo."

Paul Woodman, the Permanent Committee on Geographical Names' secretary, said it was not yet known whether the new form of Leningrad should be Sankt

Petersburg or St Petersburg. "We shall not be advising cartographers to make any changes until we have received official confirmation from Boris Yeltsin, although I fear some publishers have jumped the gun."

British Airways said that, if the Russian authorities acted swiftly, the destination name on international tickets could be changed. Travel agents are likely to receive next month's fares manual from British Rail with references to Leningrad. A spokeswoman for BR said they would wait for confirmation of the name change from Russian State Railways before amending it. Given their bureaucracy, of the combined organisations, the likelihood is that Leningrad will be known as that until well into the next century.

## Changes put state on side of angels

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

UNTIL three weeks ago, Moscow would have been an ideal venue for the "alternative" delegates who have gathered at every Helsinki follow-up conference on human rights.

The Soviet record had improved, but there were still cases to answer. Moscow made a controversial venue, and there was much for non-government lobbyists to do.

After August's abortive coup and revolution, the alternative groups are in something of a quandary. They are here in force, but the sting has been taken out of their work.

The Soviet leadership itself has suddenly turned to attack the very abuses that the human rights campaigners fought for so long. It has formally got rid of most of the repressive establishment, and it has recognised Baltic independence. The new head of the KGB told Western reporters that all cases of imprisonment on political grounds would be investigated. Previously he would have denied that there were any.

Last week, the Soviet legislature passed — almost without realising what they were doing — a declaration on human rights which aims to bring Soviet standards up to those of the West. Whether those rights are observed in practice is another matter, and will largely depend on local authorities.

But the principle has been conceded, and the state is now on the side of the angels. An individual now has a legal basis from which to present his case.

The Soviet Union is one of the last Helsinki signatories to embrace human rights in the broad sense. Many of Eastern Europe's most prominent human rights campaigners are now not only free, but in government. Those who would previously have been prominent in the fringe groups were yesterday sitting at the official conference table.

All this presents human rights activists with a dilemma. Their cause is no longer a simple case of civilised West versus barbaric East, nor can it remain an anti-communist crusade. The campaign is being encouraged to become what some of its original members always intended it to be: a movement to protect the rights of individuals world-wide vis-à-vis the state.

This could make for some strange paradoxes. Jeri Haber, the American co-chairman of the Helsinki Watch Group, foresees a time when the group may have to defend former communist officials against persecution in the Soviet Union, and when ethnic Russians might have to be defended against excesses by their non-Russian rulers.

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## Thatcher visit raises questions

MARGARET Thatcher arrived in Peking last night hot on the heels of John Major in a move that has given rise to widespread speculation about the former prime minister's motives (Catherine Sampson writes).

If there are in any way untoward, Mrs Thatcher may have misjudged the situation. Against all odds, Mr Major's visit went off smoothly in the eyes of both his hosts and the British electorate, which had demanded robust talk on human rights.

Mrs Thatcher herself, in 1982 and 1989, traded sharp words with the Chinese, but a grudging respect for her strength of character remains widespread.

## Husband cleared

Karachi — Asif Ali Zardari, the husband of Benazir Bhutto, the former Pakistan prime minister, has been cleared by the Sind high court of charges of persuading a state-run bank to grant a £19 million loan to a hotel group without adequate security. The court will give reasons for its decision later. (AP)

## Editors backed

Athens — The Greek government was widely criticised after seven newspaper editors were jailed for publishing guerrilla statements. Scores of people cheered the editors outside the prison near Athens. Opposition parties denounced the sentences, accusing the government of being behind the jailings. (Reuters)

## Relief threat

Sydney — The Red Cross has threatened to withdraw from Papua New Guinea in protest against the 18-month blockade of medical aid to Bougainville island, where rebels are fighting for independence. The Red Cross considers the government has broken the Geneva convention by targeting civilians in the conflict.

## Last goodbye

Sydney — John Lyons, an Australian, one of the divers trapped in a decompression chamber at the bottom of the South China Sea last month, wrote to his family shortly before he died. "He left a very personal love letter. It's a goodbye letter. I can't say more than that," Sue Lyons, his wife, said. (Reuters)

## Poster banned

Rome — The Italian advertising watchdog, following the example of its British counterpart, has banned the Benetton poster showing a blood-smeared newborn baby still attached to the umbilical cord. Oliviero Toscani, who took the photograph, said that he had not intended to cause a scandal. (Reuters)

## Prague EC hope

Prague — Czechoslovakia hopes to sign an association accord with the European Community by November, despite France's block on trade concessions, a spokesman said. Zdenko Fierek, the deputy foreign minister, had earlier expressed Czechoslovak disappointment with the French stance. (Reuters)

## Driver protest

Brussels — More than 1,000 Belgians marched through the streets of Brussels yesterday to the British embassy to demand freedom for the Formula 1 motor racing driver, Bertrand Gachot, in prison awaiting an appeal against an 18-month sentence for using CS gas in an argument with a London taxi driver last year.

## Sri Lanka toll

London — After sending a research team to Sri Lanka, Amnesty International believes that the number of people killed in fighting between government forces and the rebel Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam in recent months runs into thousands, with many victims hacked or burnt to death. (Reuters)

## Old country

Tokyo — Japan will have a record number of centenarians by the end of the month. The health ministry estimates there will then be 3,625 people aged 100 or more, an increase of 327 on last year. Figures reveal that 80 per cent of Japanese centenarians are women. (Reuters)

## Prostitution plea

Miami — Kathy Willets, aged 33, a self-styled nymphomaniac, and her husband Jeffrey, aged 41, a Florida sheriff's deputy who watched from inside a wardrobe while she had sex with men in their bedroom at \$150 (£85) an hour, are to plead guilty to prostitution charges, their lawyer said. (Reuters)

## Mitterrand on mission to remain

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

### Une conférence de presse de M. Mitterrand



Press-ganged: Le Monde depicting M Mitterrand being urged to brief journalists whom he hates

IN THE gilt and mirrored splendour of the Elysée palace's Salle des Fêtes, President Mitterrand will today strive to convince the French that he is not a spent force at home or abroad. At a televised press conference, he will attempt to rebut widespread criticism that the extraordinary pace of events in the world is proving too much for a man of almost 75 years old to cope with.

M Mitterrand's crowded agenda tomorrow also includes a lengthy session with John Major in Paris to attend a conference of the conservative-inclined European Democratic Union. Organisers had hoped until yesterday that Boris Yeltsin, the head of the Russian Federation, would attend, but it appears that he is to remain in Moscow for a meeting of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

There was a time when M Mitterrand would return from his summer holiday raring to go, poised to swoop upon the hopelessly divided forces of the conservative opposition and re-establish his authority. But although this week he became the longest-serving French president under the fifth republic, overtaking General de Gaulle's 3,764 days in office, his *rentrée* has been overshadowed by sharp criticism, from almost every political sector, of his

botched handling of the attempted coup in Moscow. It is clear that M Mitterrand's inner circle has been badly shaken by the criticism of his two singularly inept appearances on television at the height of that drama. Today's press conference will provide an acid test of whether he has regained the presidential authority he used to wield to such effect. It would be remarkable if he were allowed to escape questions on the 1993 parliamentary elections, two years before his own second term in office expires.

It remains to be seen

whether the president can grab some of the prestige derived from the presence of a dozen or more foreign leaders at the democratic union gathering. Strictly speaking, the event is being master-minded by Jacques Chirac, the mainstream conservative leader and mayor of Paris, who has made the splendid mayoral premises of the Hôtel de Ville available.

In international terms, Mr Major may not yet be a name to conjure with, certainly not in comparison with Margaret Thatcher, but he still ranks some way ahead of Franjo Tudjman.

the president of Croatia, and Constantinos Mitsotakis, the Greek prime minister. Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister of Israel, remains something of a wild card, apparently having requested an invitation and the right to speak.

On past form, M Mitterrand can be expected to do everything to ruin his rival's day in the spotlight, and the press conference will provide him with the perfect opportunity to steal such glory as is going. On the other hand, he has had to digest the bitter findings of a recent opinion poll which concluded that just over 60 per cent of those questioned now believe he has been worn down by ten years in power.

For a leader who operates in the belief that he has an infallible touch with ordinary people, that would have stung badly: he will be gambling on recovering this lost ground with a virtuoso performance today. As the generally sympathetic newspaper *Libération* observed yesterday, M Mitterrand is a past master at handling radical changes of political direction with a minimum loss of credibility. But this time round, it concluded, with the spotlight on French foreign policy that he considers his own domain, "there is no lightning conductor to protect the president."

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## New Nato unit goes into battle without an enemy

From MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, IN PADERBORN

THE first multinational division formed by Nato went on trial in the German countryside yesterday, but for the first time the alliance commanders had no specific enemy in mind.

The four-nation airborne division will eventually form part of Nato's planned rapid-reaction corps. Yesterday 176 helicopters were involved in a training operation at the start of a ten-day Nato exercise code-named Certain Shield, in which the new division is playing a star role.

One week after the dissolution of the Soviet Union and five months since the formal disbandment of the Warsaw Pact, the timing of the exercise has highlighted the apparent contradictions which now lie at the heart of the new relationship between East and West.

For more than 40 years Nato exercises have been planned on the assumption that there was a real enemy across the East-West divide. In the latest exercise, for the first time, the "enemy" appears not from the east, but from the south.

The alliance is going ahead with plans to replace the layers of national corps facing east with rapid-reaction forces, ready to go anywhere within the Nato region. The collapse of the Soviet Union has not altered that strategy.

Major-General Michael Rose, the British commander

of the new division and a former SAS commander and director of special forces, said it might look as if the military had not been reading the newspapers in the past two years. "We're still out here exercising as we have for the past 45 years," he said.

But Nato had to retain strong defences. "It's not a question of asking who the enemy is," he said.

Now, instead of gearing everything for a single mission, countering a Warsaw Pact offensive, there was "a much wider range of options." The size of the exercise reflects the changed times, with only 28,400 troops taking part compared with nearly 79,000 four years ago. There are also no tanks and much of the battle is being simulated on computer.

Even where real vehicles and troops are participating, heavy restrictions have been imposed on all their movements, especially at night, because of the pressure from the German population to limit damage to the environment.

Could this new airborne division be used in Yugoslavia if an appeal were made to Nato governments for military assistance?

General Sir Peter Inge, commander-in-chief of the British Army of the Rhine and, with his Nato hat, head of the Northern Army Group in Germany, said the division

was in no position to go to Yugoslavia, even if Nato governments agreed that alliance troops could be used out of area. Sir Peter said "out of area" was getting closer to home. But the new division did not have sufficient logistic support to carry out such an operation.

The multinational division currently consists of the British 24 Airborne Brigade, the German 27 Luftlande Brigade, the Belgian Para-Commando Regiment and one Dutch Light Aviation Group, adding up to a total of about 8,000 men.

The division is supposed to be capable of rapid reaction and deployment over distances up to 75 miles and to sustain itself in battle for 48 hours.

Once Nato's rapid-reaction corps, also under British command, is formed, the airborne division will play an important part, although Sir Peter emphasised yesterday that governments would have to put their hands in their pockets to pay for the new formation. This would include the purchase of new attack helicopters for the British army.

Although they have not yet been formally asked, the Americans are expected to provide a combat aviation brigade, equipped with the Gulf War-proven Apache helicopters, to give the corps exceptional firepower.



What makes a man want a child and not a wife? Alice Thomson meets David Cook, whose new book assesses the unmarried father

## A single man's need for a son

Graham Holt would like a son. He writes the word "son" on his shopping list between bread and Chinese cabbage. Then he plucks up his courage and goes to an adoption agency. But for Holt, an introverted single man in his late thirties, with an elderly, invalid father, the chances are slim. Although he knows he has love to give, the social services are not convinced.

Holt's quest to adopt a son forms the basis of *Second Best*, David Cook's latest novel. Best known for *Walter*, his novel and television play about a mentally retarded man with a passion for racing pigeons, Mr Cook prides himself on tackling thorny matters. His novels and television scripts have been widely praised by such contemporaries as Margaret Drabble, Auberon Waugh and Kingsley Amis. Having written about the mentally handicapped, autistic children, and child abuse, he has now turned his hand to the touchy subject of adoption by single men.

The idea for the subject of his eighth novel came from a television documentary about a single man in Tyneside who was attempting to adopt a boy. They were ill-matched, the boy being hyper-active and the man shy, but Mr Cook was struck by not just their inter-

action, but why a single man would want a child. "I personally do not see any reason why a single man should not be allowed to adopt. What fascinates me is why he would want to. What makes a man want a child and not a wife? What role will the child fulfil in their life?"

*'I am self-obsessed and would be a terrible father. I get broody, but I have fancy pigeons as a substitute'*

you have any single men on your books who want to adopt? They provided 25 men, but only four of them had succeeded in adopting.

According to Mr Cook, single men adopting are faced with myriad difficulties. "The idea brings about all the suspicions of child abuse. I think after the Cleveland case even happily married couples became frightened to cuddle their own children. For single men it was much harder."

During his research he

found that most of the men wanting to adopt were well-adjusted people, who longed for the company and love of a child, but had not necessarily found a partner with whom to have a family. He then conceived Holt, a gentle, rather simple man, and James, the highly intelligent, messed up ten-year-old whom he tries to adopt. "I thought it would be interesting to take a child who has been in care for a long time and is streetwise, and a man who is innocent, and see how they change each other. I had to bring the message across that although being adopted by a single parent is not conventionally ideal, it can be a great deal better than staying in a children's home."

The question of sexuality is brought up when Holt, who has lived all his life in a small Cotswold village and is a virgin, discovers that his father is gay, and when James crawls into the same sleeping bag as him on a camping expedition and falls asleep. "I wanted the boy to take the lead and say we are going to get over this hurdle. We must be able to touch each other without worrying," Mr Cook says.

Through going to children's homes and adoption evenings, Mr Cook found many other obstacles and prejudices faced by single men. If they are



The reasons behind adoption fascinate David Cook. 'What makes a man want a child and not a wife? What role will the child fulfil in their life?'

allowed to adopt, they often get older children who may have learning difficulties or have been in trouble with the police. The children have often been shifted from home to home, and cannot get used to permanence. Child and adult must also cope with a long trial period, and Mr Cook

handles this potentially heart-breaking scene with delicacy.

His intensive research and his degree of sympathy for Holt begs the question, does he want to adopt a child? "I am gay and have been in the same relationship since 1963. I do not think I want to adopt a child," Mr Cook, now 50,

says. "I am fairly self-obsessed and I would be a terrible father. I can get broody, but I have fancy pigeons as a substitute. I know that I sometimes get angry with pigeons who are not performing, so I do not think I could cope with a child." He does not think his partner wants a child either. "He is 17 years older than me, so perhaps he feels he has a child already."

He tells of his visit to a children's home in Wales. "On the second day one little boy asked if I would adopt him. He was having an awful life. His father was in prison and his mother had another boyfriend. But I just could not take on the responsibility," Mr Cook says.

Everything he has done is based on research. "It is my obsession," he says. For his

first novel, *Albert's Memorial*, about a female tramp, he walked from London to St Albans. *Walter* was based on a mentally retarded man he knew, but much of the novel came from talking to a staff nurse about mental asylums.

Mr Cook has decided to base his next novel on *Aids* — "I kept putting it off but I know I have to do it" — and has started *Aids* counselling sessions to help him understand the subject.

Along with his research he feels his training as a classical actor at Rada and ten years working in television and on the stage have been invaluable. "When I am writing a story, I read it out loud, I pretend to be each character and I laugh at my own jokes."

His novels are almost always about people who are alone. They often have a simplistic view of the world, which carries with it their own startling insight. Bought up in a working class family in Preston, Mr Cook was an asthmatic child and missed a lot of school, leaving at 15 to work in a slipper factory.

"I have always felt like an outsider," he says. "I started this writing as a kind of therapy while I was out of work acting, and it just took over. I wanted Graham to be likeable. The man is rather prissy, a bit uptight and shy. He is not the kind of person who likes parties, but he has a great deal to give. A bit like me, really."

*Second Best* will be published by Faber and Faber on September 16, price £13.99

## & BRIEFLY

### A century of top coats

Not many brand names acquire the cachet of being in a dictionary. The word Burberry, however, is defined in Collins as a "light good quality raincoat, esp. of gabardine". Burberrys of London certainly stands for good quality around the world, but the rest of the definition will have to be revised to take into account teddy bears, jams and jigsaws, puzzles, menswear and the new Burberry's scent. Society, which is launched this month as the store celebrates its centenary.

David Quelch, the head of Burberry's retail division, is relishing his role as impresario of the time warp planned to celebrate the centenary in his showcase store at 18-22 Haymarket, central London. Commissioners and bell-boys on the lift are being kitted out in vintage uniforms. The Victoria & Albert museum has come up with several old Burberry styles for the "heritage trail" around the three-storey shop. Customers have been asked to rummage in their attics for vintage aviators' high-buttoning coats or pivot-sleeve golfing

jackets, and the old clothes will go on display from September 23. *Times* readers are invited to celebrate Burberry's centenary in the Haymarket with a special shopping evening on Thursday September 26, from 6pm to 8pm. Every guest will receive a sample of Society, the new Burberry scent. Refreshments will be offered and *Times* tickets will qualify readers for a special draw with a trench coat as first prize. Shoppers can also take part in a draw to buy any one of the one hundred Burberry items that will be on show at 1891 prices. To apply for your invitation to the Burberry shopping evening, please write your name, address (including postcode) and telephone number on a postcard and send to: Burberry's Shopping Evening, Promotions Department, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN to arrive by no later than Wednesday, September 18, 1991. The offer is limited to 400 tickets only (one ticket admits two people) so invitations will be sent to the first applications received.



Vintage skiing kit

### Visions of the future

OSAMU Maeda's futuristic tunics and stretch pants in metallic fabrics, Issey Miyake's coarsely woven cottons and soft knits, and the bright bouclés and tartans of Yuki Torii will be among the innovative Japanese designs at a series of fashion shows to be held at Liberty of Regent Street, London, on Thursday, September 19 at noon, 1.30pm and 5.30pm; on Friday, September 20 at 12.30pm, 1.30pm and 4pm; and on Saturday, September 21 at 11.30am, 1.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm. Liberty is entering into the spirit of the Japan Festival with Japanese textiles on the fabric floor, and Japanese furniture, bedlinen, glass and ceramics in stock.

### Postal riches

AMERICAN cakes tend to be richer, sweeter and more fattening than their British equivalents, with many recipes beginning, "take a dozen eggs...". And Eilenberger's Butter Nut Baking Company of Palestine, Texas makes some of the world's richest and most fattening cakes, and posts them across the globe. This year its famous Texas Pecan cake is supplemented by a new Chocolate Pecan Cake, and a Walnut

### Sales texts

UNDAUNTED by the recent death of Sebastian Walker, its founder, Walker Books, the specialist children's book publisher, is rallying with *Snap*, a new monthly magazine for children, available at newsagents from September 26. The magazine, at £1.45, will offer games, puzzles, poems and stories, as well as subtle puns for Walker books. Will it begin to rival the long-running Puffin Book Club? Time will tell.

### Tights fit

THE first tights containing Tactel, the gossamer "micro yarn" developed by ICI Fibres, are now in the shops. The thread, already used in some ski and active sportswear, is so fine that nine miles of the seven-denier micro yarn are required to produce a pair of tights, making the new hosiery particularly soft and comfortable to wear, and offering the sort of fit we have come to expect only from tights containing Lycra. Six leading UK brands, Aristoc, Berkshire, Charvos, Costume, Pretty Polly and Sock Shop, stock Tactel tights and stockings across the range from seven to 80 deniers. Aristoc's Ultra Soft Opague tights retail at about £2.99, Charvos's Matt Satin Opague at £5.10, Costume's Chamois Ultra Soft Matt Suede opaque tights at £6.25, and Pretty Polly's Velvet Sheers even deniers at £2.80.

### Fair attractions

THE Barghley/Remy Martin Horse Trials, which begin tomorrow at Barghley House, Stamford, Lincolnshire, usually boast the shops and stalls of a country fair, and *Country Living* magazine this year has assembled among them some of Britain's best rural craftspeople. Included will be Catriona Stewart of Argyll, whose hand-made paper boxes are decorated with watercolour country scenes, Julian Akers-Douglas, who will show how she makes clothes using traditional smoking, and the Stephenson Brothers of Ashford, Kent, who carve Victorian-style rocking horses. And Peter Horsley, owner of Conservation Building Products of Warley, West Midlands, will offer advice on the restoration of buildings.

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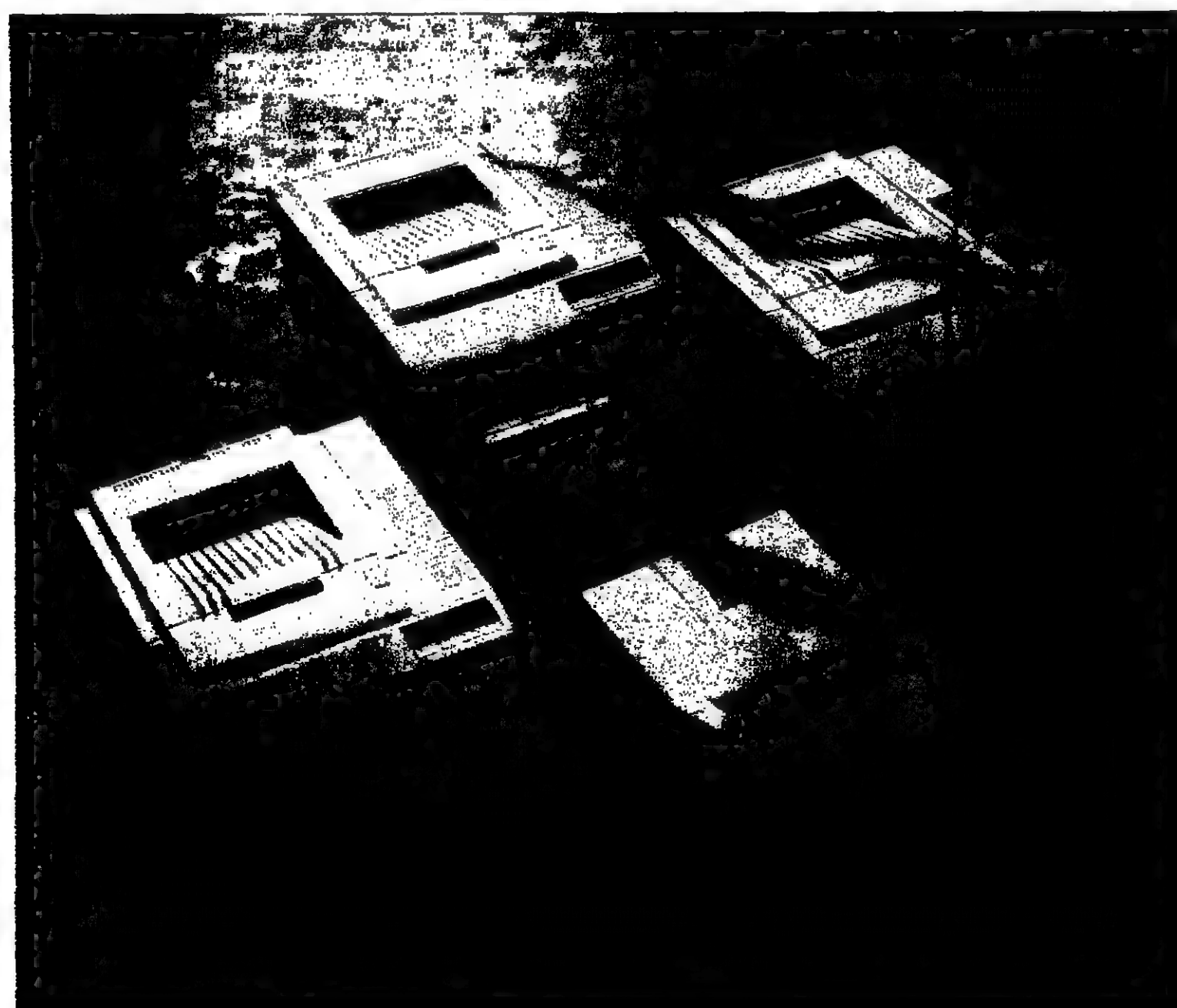
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GALLERIES: GLASGOW

# A poet of the domestic scene given his say

John Russell Taylor on a touring show which offers the opportunity to reassess Edouard Vuillard, a French painter who has been surprisingly under-rated in Britain

British taste can be very hard to gauge. At first glance Edouard Vuillard would seem to be much in the British line. His paintings are easy to take, pleasantly but seldom garishly colourful, and mostly concern domestic interiors, the lives of the rich and cultured, and the sort of restrained, semi-suburban landscape that Britons are most familiar with in the art of their own country.

All the same, Vuillard never seems quite to have caught on here: there are too many rather sneering references to his "intimism", as though that automatically places him in the minor league, and he has never had a major museum show all to himself in Britain.

This latter mark against him is grandly removed with the South Bank touring show now at the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum in Glasgow, which will over the next six months go on to Sheffield and the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam. (London still remains elusive, despite the show's provenance.)

The Scottish opening is apt, since the only earlier big Vuillard show, coupled inevitably (and somewhat to his own detriment) with his contemporary and friend Bonnard, was at the Edinburgh Festival in 1948.

A case can also be made for his having found a more sympathetic audience in Scotland than in England. In

Glasgow especially he was sold by Alex Reid, and was influential on a generation of Scottish Colourists: indeed, there is at least one picture in this show, *Woman in Blue Jacket* of 1915, which could easily be by Cadell or Peploe. But this is not, finally, Vuillard's most characteristic mode. The sort of painting which will be immediately recognised as a Vuillard is likely to be a picture of a small

*'Intimate ecstasies are just as rewarding, just as valid for the painter as social statements'*

interior space, elaborately patterned over every inch of wall and floor in sight, and frequently with occupants engaged in some everyday activity, eating and drinking, sewing, playing with children, even making up the face.

Early on they are likely to show Vuillard's own home, which he shared with his mother until he was 60, or the homes of a handful of close

friends like the Natansons or the Hessels. Later his friends become grander, and the rooms become larger, but the same description applies. Vuillard is the poet of domesticity, of the good life, and tends to avert his gaze from anything too emotionally demanding and uncomfortable.

Does that mean that he is necessarily minor? Only if art is absolutely required to be harsh and unappealing. But Vuillard strongly suggests that intimate ecstasies are just as rewarding, just as valid for the painter, as strident social statements.

Some of the very earliest works in the show are a little more innovative in their technique: especially the paintings he did at the time of his closest involvement with the semi-mystical Nabi group, in which he lays whole blocks of vibrant colour on to strongly simplified forms. The colour harmonies of *The Green Dinner* (1891) are wondrous indeed, and even ten years later, when he had more or less settled on his flatter mature style, *Misia in the Doorway at Le Relais* shows his powers of splendid simplicity at their height.

The fact that Vuillard found himself so early, and remained so consistently true to that first understanding of himself and his powers, has sometimes been held against him. He had his ambitions, and he



From his personal circle: *Grandmother Michand*, a drawing in ink, brush and watercolour by Edouard Vuillard

followed them at times with some boldness.

This show, for ease of transport no doubt, does not include any of his really large paintings, but it is worth remembering that he was by no means limited to chamberworks; he could command a whole orchestra when he wished, and some of his larger decorations, for all their obsessive, almost finicky detail, do achieve a genuinely monumental effect. Also, he

was more interested in the outdoors than is generally supposed: perhaps the main revelation of this show is the section devoted to landscape.

Certainly Vuillard was not the kind of painter who ranged the world looking for extraordinary things to paint. But on the other hand, wherever he was he was likely to look out of the window and paint what he saw there as to turn his back on it to concentrate on just how his dress-fabric

matched or set off that wallpaper.

Perhaps the reason that we have been relatively hesitant in taking Vuillard to our bosoms has something to do with an unperceived residue of puritanism: his painting is so happy, so attractive, so simply enjoyable, that it cannot be quite right to give oneself over to it without caveats and conditions. But then, we have never before had such a rich and definitive

show to sweep away all possible objections.

Vuillard, Glasgow Museum and Art Gallery, Kelvingrove, Glasgow (041-357 3929) Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12-6pm, until October 20. Sponsored by Whyte and Mackay.

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## Alec smarts

A JINX seems to follow Alec Baldwin. After the had publicity surrounding the off-set antics during the making of his last film, *Too Hot to Handle*, the tempestuous actor appears to have lost his chance of recreating his role as CIA officer Jack Ryan in *Patriot Games*, one of two planned sequels to *The Hunt for Red October*. With months spent arguing over profit percentages, the script and a choice of director, Baldwin's bargaining power suddenly collapsed once Harrison Ford announced he was ready to take on an action movie. Enter Ford; exit Baldwin.

## Kim's crowns

THE British-based choreographer Kim Brandstrup has been honoured in his native Denmark with a grant of 30,000 Danish kroner (£2,640) from the Albert Gaubier and Poul Waldroff Foundation for Dancers and Choreographers. Brandstrup received the award following a performance by Art Dance Company in Copenhagen, where the British troupe presented the world premiere of Brandstrup's *Mysteries*, based on the legend of Count Bluebeard's castle. The work comes to the Bloomsbury Theatre on October 24.

## Last chance...

THE John Constable exhibition has been one of the Tate Gallery's most successful, although the queues have not matched the elaborate preparations for them. All the same, the chance should not be missed to see in such depth the painter who vies with Turner for the title of England's greatest. Until Sunday (071-821 1313).

## THEATRE

# Stop the giggling and keep your composure

Portraying Mozart, according to Richard McCabe, actually is a laughing-matter. "We've got rid of the giggle," he announces. Simon Callow on stage and Tom Hulce on screen made that braying chord into Mozart's trademark. But in Amadeus's latest incarnation "we have a snigger. Far more truthful. It comes out of the man."

Subtle stuff, but to be expected from McCabe, whose truculent, Just William-type Puck in the Royal Shakespeare Company's punkish *Midsummer Night's Dream* still lingers in the memory. I first noticed him in Manchester managing the remarkable feat of stealing *Hay Fever* in the unimportant role of Simon, the son of the house. Obeying the parental injunction to be nice to the guests, he bounded across the stage towards the terrified visitors in a cross between a rugged tackle and the 45-degree libidinous lunge of Groucho Marx in *Prigrip vein*.

He had already done his first *Amadeus* (in Bolton), and the RSC season was yet to come. The cherubic face and mephistophelean eyebrows mark him out for comedy, though he resists pigeonholing. "There's a danger of repeating yourself in comedy. I've deliberately played it down since the RSC. That's why I jumped at Mozart."

M McCabe has even more cause to rejoice at Compass

## Portraying Mozart on stage is a challenge but, as

Richard McCabe tells Martin Hoyle, a self-education in music has been to his advantage

Theatre's revival of Peter Shaffer's set of arabesques on Mozart's last ten years: the play's musical content. After studying at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, where he was "yearning to play music but uncertain what form it would take", McCabe answered an advertisement in *Melody Maker*. "I found myself in the strange world of rock. It was wonderful fun, very liberating. There isn't the barrier between performers and audience there is in the theatre. You have to grab their attention or they wander off."

When he returned to acting he continued to compose and play for shows he was in, until he realised that either music or acting was suffering and that he must choose one. But in the new *Amadeus* he combines both. "I've written a set of variations on 'Non più andrai' for myself to play. I find taped music terribly false. It's pretty obvious if someone's playing

or not. I also attempt a bit of the A major piano concerto K488, a bit of *Magic Flute*."

M McCabe's love of Mozart is plainly genuine. "Try to listen through 18th century ears within the confines of classical style he did extraordinary things. The Act II finale to *Figaro*, the 'Haydn' quartet: groundbreaking. The *Masonic Funeral Music* anticipates Berlioz in almost Romantic surges."

Glasgow-born, Sussex-reared, fruit of the Auld Alliance (Scott father, French mother), McCabe nevertheless had incongruous musical beginnings. "I'm self-taught. I started with the piano-accompaniment and rebelled against it. I could not afford piano lessons, so I gleaned everything I know from *Smallwood's Piano Tutor*."

Does he share the misgivings of some historical purists, not to mention devoted Mozartians, at Shaffer's depiction of Amadeus (Mozart never called himself Amadeus) as a smug, ty-minded brat? "Is *Richard III* historically accurate? No, but it's a cracking good piece of theatre. If you care to read Mozart's letters, the scatological side is there. It's earthy Salzburg humour; they were all at it. The key line in the play is 'My tongue is stupid, my heart isn't'. It explains the scatological behaviour. And when he talks about art it is what you would expect from Mozart."

Inevitable comparisons between the play and Milos Forman's film leave him in no doubt. "The film looks beautiful, an evocation of the period. For me the crux, Salieri's argument with God, doesn't



M McCabe: cherubic and yet mephistophelean face

come over as strongly as in the play. There's something very musical about Shaffer's writing — the start of the play is like an overture. Salieri's great speeches are arias. The precision of the dialogue is lost in the film."

M McCabe's knowledge of the composer has been deepened by his concert with the Medici String Quartet. "Colin Wilson has written a playlet based on Mörke's Mozart's *Journey to Prague* and the letters. There are odd lines I think can't possibly be true, but I check the letters and they are. It's illustrated with a bit of the 'Hum' quartet, the 'Dissonance' and *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*."

The actor's other great love is Shakespeare, reinforced by the communal excitement of a Stratford season and the revelation of verse-speaking, cracking the secret of the pentameter so that "you can skate along the surface: when a speech is over before it's started, it's good."

Unlike many actors, McCabe is not tempted into production. "I find the business of acting all-consuming. If I were to direct, it would be opera. When drama and music mesh it's stunning. And I discovered Wagner. *Die Meistersinger*: psychologically right, dramatically sound, the characters believable."

In music the Austro-German school absorbs him. "There's a wonderful sense of handing on the baton: Schubert, Schumann, Mahler, Strauss, up to Berg and Schoenberg — before I find myself scurrying back to Mozart." The new *Amadeus* breaks into a nervously emphatic giggle: whether his own or the character's is not quite clear. "I've got a lot to thank Mozart for."

Amadeus opens at the Lyceum, Sheffield (0742 769922) tomorrow and plays there until September 21. The production then goes for a week each to Nottingham (Theatre Royal), Belfast (Opera House), Cardiff (New Theatre), Canterbury (Marlowe), Brighton (Theatre Royal), Bath (Theatre Royal), Glasgow (Theatre Royal), Bradford (Alhambra) and Aberdeen (His Majesty's).

## RECORDS: CLASSICAL

# Tribute to father-in-law

The music of Josef Suk is not widely known, although in his lifetime he was considered the natural successor to his teacher Dvořák, whose daughter he married. The deaths of Dvořák, in 1904, and of Suk's wife (prematurely at the age of 27) 14 months later, inspired the *Asrael* Symphony, which was performed at the Proms in August and is newly recorded by the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, conducted by Libor Pešek.

This is an urgent performance, totally committed to the vision of the eponymous Muslim Angel of Death which Suk plays out with a structural mastery the equal of Mahler and with scoring as lyrical and sure as that of his own teacher. Pešek seizes on the rolling rhythms and the fierce juxtapositions of mood in the fate-dominated first movement, and handles them firmly and incisively. As destiny continues to beat its drums, the second and third movements honour Tchaikovsky in their balletic fantasy and spectral march character.

The latter half of the symphony bears the greatest emotional and thematic burden; as the work ends in a feverish fight from minor to major, its distinctive profile and true stature is revealed. Suk's symphonic music can be spotted, piecemeal, on the Supraphon label, where the Czech Philharmonic has also recorded "The Ripening". This, together with "Summer Tale" and "Epilog", form part of an evolving symphonic cycle which deserves to be brought to light in performances as discerning as this.

Meanwhile, the London Symphony Orchestra has been voyaging into the known, in a new, complete *Swan Lake*, 20-bit digital technology and all. The high definition sound which is the boast of this boxed set is not everywhere matched by high-definition interpretation. The swan's dances are a little corporeal: there is simply not enough lift-off between the dark forest-world of the Prince's dreams and the pomp of his daily life.

Once inside the palace, though, Tilson Thomas comes into his own. He is a tale-teller par excellence (having a Russian grandmother surely helps) and, from the swagger with which the curtain is raised, to the parade of orchestral soloists flaunting themselves throughout the international dances, the concentration never lets up. With the thick plush of the first waltz, the slightly tipsy trumpet, the

Suk: *Asrael* Symphony. RPO/Pešek. Virgin VC 7 91221-2. Tchaikovsky: *Swan Lake*. LSO/Tilson Thomas. Sony 82K 48592 (2 discs). Shostakovich: *Symphony No 12/Hamlet/Age of Gold*. Gothenburg SO/Järvi. DG431 688-2.

coily-sprung bass line, a good time is clearly being had by all, at least until Mother arrives... Shostakovich's Twelfth Symphony is hardly his masterpiece. His celebration (whole-hearted, ironic, simply ambivalent?) of the events of 1917 is recreated in restrained, sepia tableaux. Neeme Järvi emphasises the seriousness of the symphony as abstract de-

sign: the most memorable moments in its four continuous movements are those of brooding reflection.

The *Hamlet* music is the cheeky suite Shostakovich made from his score for the outrageous and short-lived 1932 Moscow production, not the new music he composed for Kozintsev's 1964 film. Where the *Age of Gold* ballet music always turns up more than it promises, this *Hamlet*, even as well played as it is here, yields rather less. Compared with the genuine wit and muscle of this satirical "athletic ballet", recently rehabilitated at the Bolshoi, the Shostakovich suite wobbles perilously between the naïf and the faux-naïf.

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# Taking on the history men

Jonathan Clark says envy lies behind poor reviews of popular history

Something fishy is probably going on when reviewers are unanimous, either in praise or blame, and one might be moved to bristling suspicion by the chorus of contempt that has greeted the publication of *The Birth of the Modern*, the latest volume by the remarkable and prolific Paul Johnson. True, he hardly conciliated his critics by writing *Intellectuals*, a work which landed blows both above and below the belts of the North Oxford classes. But what is really at issue here? Do popular historians not perform an essential service in projecting elite culture to a wider audience? Has the intelligentsia renounced its mission to the masses and turned in on itself?

If so, it is a new and momentous development. A whole school of thought, among academic historians, from J.H. Plumb to Hugh Trevor-Roper, once insisted on the duty of professional historians like themselves to communicate; they condemned as crabbed or pedantic the sort of technical scholars who are not afraid of history being as hard, or important, as physics or philosophy.

These preachers of communication tended to stress the role of history as a branch of belles-lettres. They praised fine writing (and sometimes practised it). Their icons were G.M. Trevelyan, Macaulay's great nephew, residuary legate of the great whig tradition, and the French ecologist of material life, Fernand Braudel. Examined more closely, however, this school of communication was making a point about substance more than style. Their greatest wrath is reserved for the enemy within, those technical scholars who can communicate their results with vividness and panache, such as A.J.P. Taylor, who was lastingly resented at Oxford both by less productive scholars and by political enemies who wished his views on Bismarck and Hitler had remained locked up in learned journals. At Cambridge, a similar reputation was in store for Peter Laslett, pioneer of highly technical historical demography but resented as a competing communicator.

Herbert Butterfield, who packed the lecture halls and could command an international audience on everything from the origins of modern science to contemporary international relations, was similarly distrusted as someone too clever by half, who could be relied on to subvert other people's world view by technical scholarship.

In truth, the scholars who call for the popularising of history are engaging in a subtle academic game of their own, aimed at promoting some sorts of history and discouraging others. Like whigs down the decades, such men may be popularisers but they are not populists. Ultimately, they do not

believe in the integrity or the morality of the masses into whose mouths they wish to put their words. No group of the English aristocracy was ever as condescending towards the common man as the whig patriots who passed the 1832 Reform Bill and arranged the rewriting of English history to justify it. The heirs to that tradition of historical writing are heirs to its political premises also.

A few academics reach the best-seller lists with titles that were intended as scholarly monographs, such as Paul Kennedy's *The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers* and Simon Schama's *Citizens*. But these successes are like lottery prizes, unpredictably won by publishing in the right place at the right time. In general, history does have at much difficulty reaching a wider audience as their colleagues in other disciplines.

Many scholars joined the academic profession because they had an adolescent infatuation with the institution of the university as the fulcrum with which they could move the world. How infuriating when their writings command only the tiny print runs of the ordinary historical monograph.

For every successful popular writer, ten fail and turn aside into the thickets of jargon or tightly-enclosed research projects (or, worse still, reviewing).

Meanwhile the real popularisers are hard at work, far removed from the petty squabbles of academe, read by vastly wider audiences. Arthur Bryant's *Life of Pepsy*, or his volumes on the Napoleonic wars, created a vivid image of Old England which no amount of hard data on the standard of living could ever quite match in his readers' minds. Winston Churchill's *History of the English Speaking Peoples* persuaded a generation to see the wartime transatlantic alliance as an enduring and ancient truth, rather than the temporary expedient it was.

Into this genre Paul Johnson fits. It was his misfortune to be reviewed by embittered dons rather than enthusiastic lovers of the past — dons offended that he had not deferred to their pet theories, or outraged that his politics were not theirs. Like the best popular historians, however, Johnson has created a vivid world in which both facts and values are conveyed, a world in which strong government, transatlantic cooperation, world policemen, inventors and engineers represent the positive forces, and Dons, especially in alliance with the liberal intelligentsia, the negative. Perhaps the reviewers are so sour because the scenario is so plausible?

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Taylor: reviled by dull and dusty scholars

Banning the media is no cure for riots on housing estates, argues P.A.J. Waddington

## Too much tolerance is the real culprit

have not succumbed to periodic mass violence and disorder. So why does it happen in some places and not others?

American research commissioned by the National Institute of Justice and recently published suggests an answer which goes to the very origins of neighbourhood decline, and challenges established liberal dogma. The slide into such rampant criminality as racing stolen cars begins with the prevalence of "incivilities", rowdy behaviour by foul-mouthed and often drunken young men, litter and vandalism, packs of roaming, uncared-for dogs. Many of these signals are not criminal *per se*, but they frighten and intimidate, causing people to retreat from public places occupied by the yobs. Fear of crime is closely linked to the occurrence of such "incivilities".

The areas vacated attract minor criminals, most notably drug-dealers and prostitutes and other low-life. Seeing their neighbourhood beginning to sink, residents leave, property prices de-

cline and council accommodation becomes more difficult to let. Legitimate businesses suffer as customers are scared off. As a neighbourhood deteriorates, so crime flourishes and a spiral of decline is begun.

For those condemned to remain, parks and other open spaces cease to be welcome amenities and become gang-territory to be avoided. People's daily lives are blighted not only by decay, disorganisation and fear for personal safety, but by continuous anxiety that their children will be enmeshed in the pervasive criminality.

Preventing such a decline, while reasonably easy and effective, does require abandonment of those liberal sentiments that enjoin us to tolerate minor misbehaviour on the part of deprived youth.

Neighbourhoods that resist the slide into the mire of crime and disorder do so because their residents refuse to allow minor misbehaviour and incivility to

continue. When people drop litter, they are asked to pick it up; those who smoke in no-smoking areas are asked to extinguish their cigarettes; people who put their feet on seats are asked to remove them. Often, these interventions are made by local residents and business people, who risk verbal abuse and worse.

In public places, minor figures of authority, such as park-keepers and bus-conductors, can legitimately impose order, but such officers have largely disappeared from the scene as a result of financial cutbacks. This leaves the police, whose task it is to move on the yobs. But here the police task has been made much more difficult, as liberal apologists for yobbery have undermined the exercise of police authority, smearing it as harassment.

The mistaken idea that community policing should involve tolerating minor crime and disorder has done more than any-

thing else to push vulnerable neighbourhoods over the brink and create the riots that call for draconian solutions. Two or three hundred petrol-bomb throwing yobs do not represent anything, and certainly not "the community".

There is nothing novel about disorderly young men. The car-stealing "hotters" of 1991 belong to a long line of "lager louts", football hooligans, "steamers" and muggers, mods and rockers, teddy boys and so on. They have always complained of being "bored", and apologists have always been on hand to excuse their behaviour as the product of alienation or some other fashionable social malaise. They will grow up. Until then they must be kept in line.

Controlling serious crime means refusing to tolerate minor disorder. Once the boundaries of acceptable conduct are overstepped in a neighbourhood, it is difficult to prevent the decline into crime, which in the worst cases justifies the riot-squad and the exclusion of the press genuine "no-go areas". The cost of liberal tolerance of minor delinquency may be the infringement of basic civil liberties.

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## Who inherits this UN seat?

As the Soviet Union dissolves itself, Conor Cruise O'Brien examines the threat to United Nations authority

The Soviet Union is a permanent member of the UN Security Council. Or, alternatively, the former Soviet Union was a permanent member of the UN Security Council. The first proposition is still the official state of affairs in international law. The second is the political reality. The two main constituent republics, the Russian Federation and the Ukraine, have jointly signed an agreement which refers to "the former Soviet Union", so the entity in question can hardly long retain a seat at the security council.

In purely formal terms, the transition should not be too hard to effect. The emerging confederation of those republics retain the large autonomy they are claiming and which the term confederation implies. If they do, the consent of the constituent republics would presumably be required before a vote could be cast at the security council on their behalf. Under such conditions, the council would be unable to reach prompt decisions — or perhaps any decisions — at the moment of a clear threat to international peace and security. So the security council might revert to something like its previous powerlessness.

There are, however, other possibilities. The successor body to the Soviet Union may turn out to have a harder core than present conditions suggest. The constituent republics may delegate authority in foreign policy, including control of the vote in the security council, to a central authority. For the present, the central authority would be Mr Yeltsin. Mr Gorbachev might become a "constitutional" president of the confederation without real authority. He would, in practice, be Mr Yeltsin's foreign minister, and ambassador to the world.

The disappearance of the Soviet Union and its replacement by a confederation will probably weaken the security council, at least for a time. The firm and sustained consensus which the council achieved after Iraq's annexation of Kuwait and throughout the

Gulf war now appears to have been the result of a transitional phase in the decline of the Soviet Union. In its weakness, the Soviet Union ceased to challenge the United States and instead wished to propitiate it. But it retained a centralised government in a position to co-ordinate policy with the United States. This made possible the unprecedented series of strong decisions which the security council handed down in the matter of the Gulf. The security council may never be so effective again.

All depends largely on whether, in the emerging confederation, the constituent republics retain the large autonomy they are claiming and which the term confederation implies. If they do, the consent of the constituent republics would presumably be required before a vote could be cast at the security council on their behalf. Under such conditions, the council would be unable to reach prompt decisions — or perhaps any decisions — at the moment of a clear threat to international peace and security. So the security council might revert to something like its previous powerlessness.

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If matters take that turn, the security council could — after an interim period of uncertainty — resume something like the role it played over the annexation of Kuwait and its sequel. We are currently living in the period of uncertainty. That is presumably why the security council has not met to consider the situation in Yugoslavia, which poses an unmistakable threat to international peace and security.

One reason why the central authority of the emerging confederation may prove stronger than expected is that, like the Soviet Union, its successor body will be a superpower, in respect of possession of nuclear weapons if in nothing else. Self-preservation requires a strong central authority in charge of those weapons, and that authority is then likely to exert itself in other ways as well.

One dire possibility is that the

successor body to the Soviet Union may be tempted to use its enormous military potential for economic blackmail. If its leaders succumb to that temptation, the first evidence may be a return to confrontation at the security council. On the whole, however, a return to consensus seems rather more likely, though it may be reached more slowly than before.

In itself, security council consensus may not matter very much; after all, for most of the UN's life there has not been consensus. America, with its allies, would have handled the invasion of Kuwait in much the same way without the blessing of the security council. The UN endorsement simply made it easier for them, and more difficult for the opponents of the war, in America and among those of its allies which permit vocal opposition. President Bush, remember-

ing that the Vietnam war lacked such endorsement, carefully sought UN approval at every stage. Consensus in the security council — though of little material significance — is an important moral factor enhancing the prestige of the United States, and consequently Mr Bush's own prestige as president. He will do everything in his power to restore it.

We must all hope he succeeds, not improve his re-election chances, but because of what a breakdown in consensus would threaten. The stand-off with a stable, unified Soviet Union lasted a long time, without world disaster. Confrontation with a desperate, ruined successor-state system, threatened with internal anarchy but still in possession of nuclear weapons, is a much more frightening prospect.

...and moreover  
ALAN COREN

Forgive me if today's lucubrations are more than usually disjointed. It is not that I am short of joints to connect the bits, rather that I am not too sure which bit goes where. Think of me as a small boy who has bought a Meccano set in order to build the gantry crane depicted on the lid, only to discover when he opens the box that there is no diagram of how to proceed. I am also deeply rattled, which doesn't help when you have a lot of bits to sort out. Screws run under the sideboard. Nuts burrow into the shagpile. Little spanners buckle.

To make matters worse, I am jotting notes on a side-pad even as I type, because new bits are turning up all the time. I have just, for example, put a query against the earlier jotting of *E lucevan le stelle*, not because I have doubts about whether Placido Domingo could sing it, but because I am not sure whether he could find Cricklewood. An even earlier jotting suggested Charlton Heston might give him a lift, but as neither is likely to know peripatetic London like the back of his hand, the pair of them might well end up wandering Hendon in the middle of the night, with their dickies wilting. I shall scratch out both names, and substitute, let's think, Phil Collins. I seem to recall he was born just up the North Circular from here. He'll know where I am. I've no idea what his Italian's like, mind, we may have to make do with "A Groovy Kind of Love", but it's the name that

counts. With Phil in the bag, I can then ring a few palaces, and if I pull, say, a Michael or two, who knows but that this might not persuade the Parachute Regiment to do a cabaret drop? Not a full formation team, of course, the garden's a titchy target and if anybody ends up in the acacia tree, bang goes the object of the exercise, but we could probably manage one small trooper, or the regimental goat.

The acacia tree. We have reached our first joint, courtesy of Mr Don Layton. Mr Layton is a tree-surgeon. Mr Layton came highly recommended, not least by a number of neighbours into whose gardens large lumps of my acacia have begun to fall. Because it is not only a very big tree, it is a very old one: it preceded house and garden, it was here before the dahlias in order stood or cucumber received its frame, it was part of the vanished wood which christened the village, it is probably the only thing in the world which knows what a crickle was. Indeed, indeed, the tree is very much a part of our English heritage. Your Royal Highness, and, oh yes, prime minister, unquestionably endangered, do have another Twiglet, may I present Phil Collins?

"Well, now," said Mr Layton yesterday, "we shall have to reduce the crown by 25 per cent, thin out the centre, remove potential congesting growth, inject here and here against..." "E930" said his ball-point, after a bit.

I said nothing. I just stared at his clipboard. I wanted to ask the surgeon if the E930 included the tree-anaesthetist's fee and the tree-radiologist's bill, but when I tried to shape such questions, I found that something was sticking in my craw. It was not until well after he had left, doubtless to face-life a wizened elm or deliver an ectopic conker, that I pulled myself together and addressed the only solution available.

If the public was ready to cough up folding money as Windsor for the white rhino and in Salisbury for the spire, why would they not flock to Cricklewood in support of a major piece of arboreal history in worse need than either? I've paced the venue, and it will easily seat 200, an audience more than large enough for Kenneth Branagh who, I have been assured, will do his *St Crispin's Day* speech to two men and a dog; and as for acoustic quality, Jessye Norman can cheerfully dispense with iffy microphones, the toolshed is a natural amphitheatre now that its door has fallen off, she could probably do *Der Sommer schauern still seinem Ende entgegen* while drinking a glass of water and we'd all still manage to get the gist.

A fiver a nob would do it. I can't, I'm afraid, march Windsor's polo, but a chucka or two of French cricket might be arranged. The public will understand: we all know where charity begins, even if none of us has the faintest idea where it will end.

## Bruges bruises

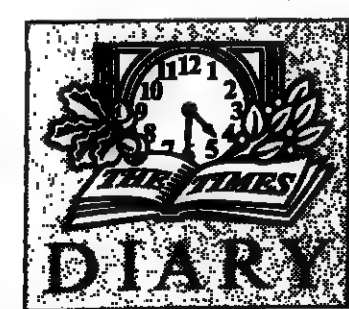
THE short but spectacular political career of the Bruges Group could be about to come to an abrupt end. In a surprise move which threatens the group's existence, Lord Harris of High Cross, one of the founder members, has resigned the post of chairman. The loss of such an establishment figurehead puts a question mark over the group's future.

Full-time staff have also deserted the anti-federalist group in exasperation at the headstrong leadership of Patrick Robertson, the 22-year-old secretary, who has recently grabbed the headlines for all the wrong reasons. Despite the split, Mrs Thatcher is understood to be staying on as president, and has privately described Robertson as a "very brave young man".

The split in the organisation will come as a relief to John Major in the run-up to the conferences on European monetary and political union. But Harris has no plans to withdraw from the European debate, and is planning a new anti-federalist organisation with the support of academics and politicians in London and Brussels.

"Patrick Robertson is a remarkably bright young man, but I no longer believe the Bruges Group is the right vehicle from which to conduct the debate on the huge issues that face us at Maastricht," Harris commented yesterday. "The Bruges Group contribution will be misunderstood." Harris has been embroiled in a similar row with Graham Mather, director of the Institute of Economic Affairs, which Harris founded.

Robertson, in an attempt to prevent Harris from resigning, offered to quit as secretary, but Harris refused. Some Tory MPs will surely wish that the offer had



been accepted. Robertson, the party's leading enfant terrible, apparently offered to avoid rocking the boat further, saying that he would emigrate to America.

When representatives of tourist boards from all over Europe descended on Manchester yesterday for a two-day symposium on tourism in cities, one delegate was conspicuously missing: the man from the host city. Manchester's head of tourism, Peter Deacon, sent his apologies to his guests, including the tourism minister, Lord Ullswater, who is in Greece enjoying a late summer holiday.

## A seat of one's own

PERHAPS Lord Spencer should have consulted Lady Elizabeth Ashcombe before selling off the treasures of Althorp House. The mistress of Sudley Castle in the Cotswolds has also been facing difficulties in meeting the costs of a stately home. But Lady Ashcombe has hit upon a different solution: rather than selling the family heirlooms, she copies them.

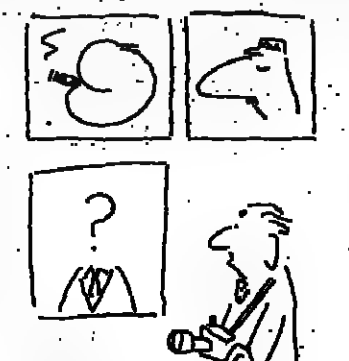
Sudley Castle Furniture reproduces everything from Lady Ashcombe's very own canopied bed to replicas of the castle's cache-pots and chairs. The furniture is produced by a joinery firm in Dursley, and hand-finished at a craft centre on the estate. "We are

custodians in our lifetime of something special," says Lady Ashcombe, who declined to contemplate the alternative of selling the family home when she was widowed. The "exclusive and expensive range" can be viewed both in Gloucestershire and at Lady Ashcombe's London flat, which doubles as a showroom.

## Split second of fame

CHURCHILL'S sitting took two minutes, while De Gaulle allowed him just 30 seconds. But John Major, anxious to put his best side forward, has set aside 30 minutes for Yousuf Karsh, the octogenarian photographer, for an official photograph next Monday.

Yesterday Karsh opened an exhibition of 90 pictures he has presented to the National Portrait Gallery, which has commissioned the portrait of Major. The NPG collection includes Ernest Bevin, Herbert Morrison, Bernard Shaw and the famous "bulldog" picture of Churchill. "That one is very special to me, as it launched my



career," says Karsh. But photographing the British prime minister of half a century later on intrigues him just as much as any of his earlier commissions. "I have watched him closely on tele-

vision and I am looking forward to it," he says. While he refuses to single out a favourite picture, his session with Brezhnev remains one of the most memorable. "Khrushchev assured me you would make me beautiful as you did Audrey Hepburn," the Soviet leader told him. Obviously the old adage about the camera never lying failed to reach the Soviet Union.

## Farmed out

THE ARCHERS are venturing out of the studio and onto the stage. The everyday story of country folk is about to abandon the anonymity of the microphone for the glare of the spotlights, as five actors from the world's longest-running radio serial make their debut in a national tour with *The Arbridge Pageant*, starting later this month.

The play is written by Edward Kelsey, alias Joe Grundy, and will share the efforts of Jack Woolley to organise a festival at the local church. Eddie Grundy, alias Trevor Harrison, will star in the show, but the prospect of working in front of an audience is causing trepidation among those who never usually venture out from behind the BBC microphone. "People think I should be short and fat," says Arnold Peters, alias the archetypal Midlands businessman Jack Woolley. In real life he is well over six feet.

Among the predictable potted manifestos of those seeking election to the executive of the Young Fabians next month ("I would like to help build on the committee's work of last year"), Andrew Paul Buxton stands out. Aged 29 and a member of Amnesty International, he claims to be "the inventor of the democratisation of Eastern Europe and the dismantling of medium and short-range missiles."





## AUTUMN IN PARIS

This week President Mitterrand has upstaged the man who invented the Fifth Republic, a presidential system which Mitterrand used to vilify as a "permanent coup d'état". Under that same system, he has outlasted Charles de Gaulle in the Elysée. What is more, even after this 3,764-day marathon, he has a legally impregnable hold on nearly four more years in power. By the presidential elections in 1995, Mitterrand will have chalked up more than half a century since his first ministerial appointment at the age of 28.

Yet the triumph is turning sour for France's great survivor. John Major, who sees him in Paris today, will find him ill at ease. Mitterrand passed the politically perilous 10-year milestone last May high in the country's esteem after what the French (if not France's allies) considered a good presidential Gulf war. But the slogan with which de Gaulle was taunted in 1968 — *Dix ans, ça suffit!* — has caught up with him now.

Three out of five voters (and half the socialists polled) consider him "worn out by power" according to *L'Express*. Almost half consider him out of touch with their daily lives. Having dismissed the popular Michel Rocard and replaced him with the gaffe-prone Edith Cresson, Mitterrand is finding it harder to take credit, as is his wont, for all domestic successes while leaving his prime minister to absorb voter discontent over immigration, urban riots and unemployment. His strategy of using the communists as a tame political prop has become an enormous electoral liability. Most voters consider the "left" an outmoded term and four-fifths are sick of both communism and the "union of the left".

The ultimate insult for a man who has rested his reputation on his foreign policy is that his grasp of international events is suddenly being derided across the political spectrum. The catalyst was his doubly misjudged handling of the coup in the Soviet Union last month, when he first appeared on television waving a letter from Gennady Yegorovich and then two days later insulted the public's intelligence by saying he had

"always believed" the coup would fail. The storm this error provoked refuses to subside; it has encapsulated a sense that France's whole foreign policy is adrift.

The assumptions which have governed that policy collapsed two years ago when the Berlin Wall came down, Eastern Europe headed for democracy, Germany for unification and the world for the emergence of one, not two, superpowers. Mitterrand has sought to contain the damage, ending France's no-longer so splendid aloofness from America and developing a novel enthusiasm for a federal Europe in order to contain German power. But his efforts to slow the pace, whether of German unification or of the collapse of the Soviet Union, exposed him as a man running to stand still.

In his opposition to extending European Community membership to the new East European democracies, Mitterrand looks out of touch with reality. The Franco-German "marriage", until now the decisive factor in EC politics, is in deep trouble largely thanks to French inability to adjust to Germany's new assertiveness. Above all, the socialism for which Mitterrand stands appears out of date to French voters, who greatly prefer the centrist social democratic politics of the man he would least like to succeed him, Michel Rocard. Unless Mitterrand can pull off the coup of persuading Jacques Delors to take over from Mme Cresson, a currently divided right could sweep next year's local elections and the national assembly elections in 1993.

Last January, Mitterrand confidently insulted Mr Major by failing to inform him of a French peace overture to Iraq announced only hours after they had lunched together. This week the president has more need of allies. Mr Major has an edge which he should use to persuade France to abandon its disgraceful blockade of association agreements with Eastern Europe, to be more realistic about monetary union and above all to stop sabotaging the Uruguay Round for the sake of its militant farm lobbies. But there can be few illusions about the speed of change in French policy until the Elysée has a less battleworn incumbent.

## SOME WAY TO GO

As usual, an air of unreality pervades this week's Liberal Democrat conference in Bournemouth. This is not, however, the unreality of years of yore. No longer is the conference dominated by the doctored practitioners of single issue politics; Des Wilson's role today is that of leader, not agitator. Nor is this the conference whipped into unreality by David Steel's battle cry: "Prepare for government." This year's unreality has a different source: it stems from the Liberal Democrats' difficulty in taking Westminster power seriously.

The party is intrigued by federal European institutions. It is devoted to local government. It enjoys contemplating regional assemblies. But years of effective exclusion from the Westminster power game have left a certain blindness. Between utopian federalism and pavement politics lies an unfulfilled vacuum. It seems to want to take the politics out of politics.

In the European debate on Monday the first speaker to mention the Maastricht summit came at the end of 90 minutes of discussion. Otherwise, the common assumption of the speakers was not only that federalism is best but also that it is popular. There was scarcely any recognition of why so many in both the other parties do not want to see a substantial usurpation of the power of the Westminster parliament by European bodies. The only speech to recognise the difficulties came from Count Otto von Lambsdorff, chairman of the German Free Democratic Party and president of the Liberal International. The Liberal Democrat federalist consensus could yet turn into a serious electoral liability.

Similarly, economic policy was stripped of its political content. Alan Beith, the Liberal treasury spokesman, yesterday talked of politicians as if they were alien beings of

which he had had little direct experience in his 18 years in the Commons. How, he asked, will Britain get a stable economy? "Not by allowing politicians the freedom to shove interest rates up and down for their own political ends. So we propose an independent central bank, first in Britain and then eventually in Europe". He talked of limiting the power of the Chancellor of the Exchequer to "play politics with the economy". "If we want politicians to focus on the long term, we have to prevent them making a mess in the short term."

The Liberal Democrat position is reminiscent of the American school of conservative economists. Neither give a fig for traditional democratic institutions. Both groups have a preference for adherence to constitutions and firm rules on policy-making rather than allowing politicians discretion. The Liberals would prefer decisions over interest rates and monetary policy to be the province of an independent central bank, whether in London or on the Continent.

In reality, such proposals are a rejection of politics. True, the Bundesbank in Germany and the Federal Reserve in America do have a measure of such independence. But this has often exacerbated, rather than eased, tensions with the elected politicians. Deciding the level of interest rates is not a technical issue. It involves trade-offs between inflation and unemployment, between borrowers and lenders, which are essentially and unavoidably the responsibility of elected politicians. The Liberal Democrats harp on about constitutional reform, designed, they say, to make the system more democratic. If they want to be heard, they should not be advocating policies whose practical effect would be to undermine democratic accountability.

## DRAMATIC LICENCE

Granada's publicity machine deserves full marks for a highly successful promotion of the drama documentary *Thatcher: The Final Days*. Whether this "faction" warrants such sensational treatment, viewers with nothing else to do may judge for themselves tonight. Granada has long been at pains to let everybody know how seriously it takes its drama documentaries, parading them proudly at licence renewal time.

Lacking a fly on the walls of Downing Street, Granada hired a journalist, Michael Prescott, to conduct interviews with 80 of the people involved. Mrs Thatcher herself was material is still impressive, with one or two novel disclosures. *The Final Days* dismisses the conspiracy theory of Mrs Thatcher's fall. Bad luck on anyone who would like to see Jacques Delors, Tristram Garel-Jones, Norman Lamont or even John Major fingered.

The focus is on the victim of the coup, Mrs Thatcher, who is seen as "out of touch". Richard Maher, who wrote the script, calls it a "tragedy of hubris". Nobody comes out of it well, and that is the point. Granada's head of current affairs draws the stentorian moral: "I hope it will give [people] pause for thought as to how transfers of power take place in this country."

Spoilsports say that the drama documentary is a dubious genre, rendered more so in this case by the proximity of the events on which it purports to shed light. Granada's effort to achieve verisimilitude by taking care with details should not disguise the fact

that this is still a free interpretation. Factional reconstruction may be an exciting way of popularising contemporary events. As the second rough draft of history, after newspapers, it has a place as a sort of sub-journalism. But it remains a play.

The use of actors adds a serious distortion to that which already exists in the selection of events to record. The play must heighten drama to hold attention, and can therefore add mischief to distortion. This play will doubtless make Tories squirm, something of a gamble for Granada in the run up to an election and in the midst of a delicate franchise renewal process. The scriptwriter may protest that he is presenting the public with nothing but the truth: "We have done our absolute best to make sure that everything you see actually happened, and the main reason anyone would want to watch the programme is that it's true, even at the risk of being boring." But when he says he omitted all "high-level gossip", the viewer is entitled to wonder what else he omitted.

Most of Shakespeare's histories were based on little else. A pretence of objectivity can be the enemy of good theatre. Had Mr Maher, who normally writes thrillers, stopped taking himself so seriously, cut the boring bits and made the most of the gossip, the result might have been more entertaining. As for whether his play would have been more or less true, who can say? If Granada had wanted to tell us the literal truth, that would have meant waiting 30 years. Thank goodness it had more courage.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### The future of water management

From the Executive Director and Secretary of the Institution of Water and Environmental Management

Sir, The government's plans for the environment agency remain surrounded in mystery and there is widespread speculation that the delay is over the future management of water supply in England and Wales. It is believed that a split in the responsibilities of the National Rivers Authority (NRA) is being considered.

The history of water management from 1948 to 1974 shows that placing responsibility for the quantity and quality aspects of water supply with different organisations does not work. A recurring complaint of the river boards (1948-63) and of the Water Resources Board (1963-74) was that it was impossible for them to carry out their tasks because they did not have control over both the qualitative and quantitative aspects of water supply.

In a report to the government in 1970 the Water Resources Board said that it could not deal competently with the problems of managing water resources because it did not have responsibility for water quality, but "water quality is a crucial factor in nearly all our work".

This view was echoed by the government's own Central Advisory Water Committee in 1971 when it said of the Water Resources Board that

In the course of its duties it has found it necessary to take account of water quality, flood alleviation, land drainage, fisheries and recreation, all aspects of managing water resources which on a strict interpretation are outside its terms of reference.

The government got it right in 1974 when it placed responsibility

for all of these tasks with the regional water authorities and it continued that sound policy in 1989 when it transferred them, in toto, to the NRA. On past evidence, to split the responsibilities now will endanger future water supplies and lose all of the benefits of integrated river-basin management.

Yours sincerely,  
HOWARD EVANS,  
Executive Director and Secretary,  
Institution of Water and Environmental Management,  
15 John Street, W.C1.  
September 9.

From Professor J. H. Lawton, FRS  
Sir, The government's excellent and welcome proposal to create an environment agency risks losing the good will of conservationists in the UK because it carries with it the possibility that integrated river-basin management, currently vested in the National Rivers Authority, will no longer be possible.

The proposal to place responsibility for land-drainage and flood-defence with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, for example, leaving the new agency to take care of other activities, makes nonsense of the need for an integrated approach to water management in particular, and the environment in general.

If government has not grasped so elementary a point, it would seem that either it does not understand, or it does not care about effective environmental protection in this country.

Yours faithfully,  
J. H. LAWTON,  
17 Course Road,  
Ascot, Berkshire.  
September 4.

### Shooting of academic

From Professor Michael Goldsmith

Sir, The shooting of Adrian Guelke by a Loyalist paramilitary in Belfast last Thursday (report, September 7) is a savage attack on a scholar of international repute, an assault on a department and university of high repute, and distressing for his colleagues and the discipline of political science more generally.

Many political and other social scientists at Queen's University, Belfast, and elsewhere have spent many years trying to understand the problems of Northern Ireland and to find solutions to them. Adrian Guelke is one amongst many scholars in the province who, despite the stress and strain they face, have consistently devoted themselves to academic work of the highest order on the issues facing Northern Ireland.

Is such work, so much part of

legitimate academic enquiry, to be threatened by intimidation and violence? If so, then not only Queen's University, the citizens of Belfast and Northern Ireland are the poorer, but so will political science and academic enquiry more generally.

May I, on behalf of my colleagues in the Political Studies Association, reaffirm the commitment of political science to the study of such issues like those facing Northern Ireland whilst condemning the kind of violence of which Adrian Guelke has been such an unfortunate victim.

Yours sincerely,  
MICHAEL GOLDSMITH  
(Chairman),  
Political Studies Association of the United Kingdom,  
Salford University,  
Department of Politics and Contemporary History,  
Salford M5 4WT.  
September 9.

### House prices

From Mrs Eileen Scott

Sir, You report (September 3) that council-tax bills may be higher than predicted because of an apparent miscalculation of average house prices. The environment department is quoted as saying: "We stand by our figures. They take into account all properties, not just those on the open market."

Does this mean that the government no longer has faith in the market as a means of determining value? Or are significant numbers of "average" houses now changing hands other than through the open market, at by implication, higher prices than they would otherwise command? If so, would someone please let me in on the secret.

Yours faithfully,  
E. F. SCOTT,  
3 Quince Tree Way, Hook,  
Basingstoke, Hampshire.

### Property out of reach

From Mr A. Powys-Lybbe

Sir, I was glad to read ("Stolen art treated by computer", September 3) of the six pictures having been so quickly returned to their owners.

The Banbury police have two of mine, recovered I do not know when but identified by me in April. They would not release them to me then, nor, despite repeated requests and a letter to their chief constable, have they since. They explain that they are prevented by order of the Crown Prosecution Service.

I am hoping that his service will pray for the postponement of my own release from worldly cares so that I may live to see these pictures again. I am now 82.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,  
ANTONY POWYS-LYBBE,  
20 Shardeloes,  
Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

### Population control

From the Director of the World Development Movement

Sir, I am encouraged by the government's contribution to the debate on the links between environment, population and development (letters, September 5). Its "issues paper" to the Geneva preparatory meeting for the UN conference is a welcome departure from the naive view that population growth is at the root of environmental degradation and that everything will be all right if enough money is invested in family planning. No amount of birth-control clinics will lead to fewer children if the economic, social and cultural reasons behind large families remain unchanged.

It is not by chance that the highest population growth rates in the world today are in poverty-stricken sub-

### Ice cream and VAT

From Mr Geoffrey Molloy

Sir, Unfortunately for Mars and for the whole of the ice-cream industry and its millions of consumers, all ice cream attracts VAT, contrary to your report on Jaffa cakes and VAT (August 29).

It has been an anomaly since the imposition of VAT in 1974 and, prior to that, the levy of purchase tax in 1962, that ice cream, along with a few other foods, has been singled out for what is essentially an indulgence tax.

At least the consumer can enjoy eating VAT-free Jaffa or other cakes as an alternative to biscuits. But no such option is available if he wants an ice cream: it is not legal in the UK to manufacture an alternative frozen delicacy using similar ingredients.

This is a case the VAT man cannot lose.

Yours faithfully,  
GEOFFREY MOLLOY  
(Chairman),  
Ice Cream Federation Limited,  
1 Green Street, W1.  
September 3.

### Paint box device

From Mr Roger Thornton

Sir, Whilst I would wholeheartedly agree with Peter Greenaway's assertion that the Quantel Paint Box, whereby a film director can reproduce millions of colours on a film like an oil painter, is "a development of almost infinite potential" and a "miracle device" (Saturday Review, August 24), Alan Franks is several thousands of miles wide of the mark in describing it as Japanese.

The machine Mr Greenaway used was in fact the Graphic Paintbox (Queen's Award for Technology winners listings details, April 22) — designed, developed, manufactured

Saharan Africa. Child mortality in sub-Saharan Africa remains stubbornly high so it makes sense for women to have lots of children to make sure that at least one son survives them in old age. (In India, it has been calculated that a couple at the level of subsistence must have an average of 6.3 children in order to have a 95 per cent certainty that just one son survives till the father is 65 years old.)

Children are also an economic necessity for peasant families engaged in labour-intensive traditional agriculture. In many systems the larger the family the more land is allotted to it. The status of African women in society comes from the number of children they bear; women also often have no assets and do not inherit land so their sons are their only long-term security.

It follows that only by increasing

### Concern over sex education emphasis

From Mr John Kelly

Sir, The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists' report which calls for more sex education in schools (details, September 4) provides a platform for extreme views which were certainly not those of the college in 1972. It stated then that "Practically nothing is known about the effects of sex education programmes... Wrongly orientated sex education could be having a result which was the exact opposite of what it was desired to achieve, in that it was arousing curiosity and the desire to experiment. The rapidly rising incidence of unplanned pregnancies in the young age group give some support to this idea."

One might argue that quite a lot is known. For over 20 years explicit sex education and freely available contraception irrespective of age or parental consent have played a huge part in pushing up the rate of teenage abortions.

As Dr Judith Bury of the Brook Advisory Centre stated in 1981: "There is overwhelming evidence, contrary to what you might expect, the availability of contraception leads to an increase in the abortion rate." Yet Dr Bury is one of the authors of this latest report.

Surely the kind of sex education advocated has had a lengthy trial and has proved not only ineffective but harmful; certainly it is time that sex education was improved in schools.

But not with some more of the same. Real responsibility for ourselves and others is not achieved by treating youngsters as "units of reproduction".

Now is the time to promote chastity before marriage as a healthy, rewarding life style. Dr Havard, secretary of the BMA, in 1983 stated that "Sexual activity in girls under the age of 16 is medically and emotionally undesirable."

I would urge the Department of Education and school governors charged with responsibility for sex education in their schools to view this report with scepticism and to consider instead wholesome and responsible resource material.

Yours sincerely,  
JOHN KELLY,  
18 Hindesham Avenue,  
Edgbaston, Birmingham 15.  
September 6.

### Unfamiliar names

From Mr P. J. Woodman

Sir, As one who is involved full-time with the question of rendering foreign place names, I have a considerable amount of sympathy with the views put forward somewhat robustly by Dr Sandford (British Association report, August 31) and supported in a more restrained manner by Professor Webb (September 5).

I am therefore disappointed that Dr Sandford should have chosen to include the name of this committee among his list of perceived villains. Let me reassure him, not to mention the government departments which have continued to approach us for advice since our inception in 1919, that this committee does not recommend usage of names such as Beijing and Guangzhou in English-language contexts.

We are sensitive to and supportive of the continuing usage of current English conventional names in such contexts. Nor are we alone in this philosophy: even Xinhua, the official news agency of the People's Republic of China, uses Peking and Canton as we do in English-language material.

Yours faithfully,  
P. J. WOODMAN (Secretary),  
Permanent Committee on Geographical Names for British Official Use,  
c/o The Royal Geographical Society,  
1 Kensington Gore, SW7.  
September 9.

From Mr P. H. Nancarrow  
Sir, If only your correspondents (September 5, 6) had learned to pronounce the word "Peking" properly. The romanisation used in the postal convention, which settled in

and everything-else right here in Newbury, Berkshire, by Quantel, an entirely British company.

The Japanese connection comes from the fact that the paintbox Mr Greenaway used is at NHK, the Japanese state broadcaster, one of many Quantel has exported to that country; it is indeed delightful to be part of a company that is ensuring that the British trading relationship with Japan is very far from a one-way affair.

Yours faithfully,  
ROGER THORNTON,  
Quantel,  
Turnpike Road,  
Newbury, Berkshire.  
September 2.

the demand for small families — and this comes from economic and social development stimulated by an international system that helps, not hinders it — rather than emphasising exclusively the supply of family-planning services, will the catastrophes prophesied by Sir Crispin Tickell (British Association report, August 27) be averted.

If the British government is serious about addressing the population issue it should insist that the UN Conference on Environment and Development tackles the causes of environmental degradation and high fertility in the Third World.

Yours sincerely,  
M. ELENA HURTADO,  
Director,  
World Development Movement,  
25 Beehive Place, SW9.  
September 10.

From Mrs Agneta Sutton

Sir, The report of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists working party on unplanned pregnancy expressed concern about "unplanned pregnancies in the teenager" and "the lack of education in the schools on the importance of family planning and related matters".

The concern of the RCOG is reasonable. But if the royal college and those who were said to have praised and commented upon its report, namely the director of the Family Planning Association, the chief executive of the Health Education Authority, the director of the National Aids Trust and the chairman of the Birth Control Trust, are implying that sex education is primarily a matter of information about contraception and protection against sexually transmitted diseases, then it is time to object.

Surely, the main aspects of sex education are the moral and socio-psychological ones. Unless moral considerations and the dignity of the individual come first in personal relationships, sex is reduced to mere gratification. And we cannot possibly want our young to think that that is all there is to it, and that all that matters is to avoid unwanted side-effects.

Moreover, a better sex education, in the sense of a more ethically orientated one, may encourage a change in sexual mores in the direction of more self-restraint among teenagers.

Would this not be a more fundamental — and character-forming — piece of learning, as well as a more effective one in preventing unwanted pregnancy and venereal disease, than just more information about the body and physical or medical means of protection?

Yours faithfully,  
AGNETA SUTTON  
(Deputy Director),  
The Linacre Centre for Health Care Ethics,  
60 Grove End Road,  
St John's Wood, NW8.  
September 4.

1895 on "Peking" as the standard form, was based (not unnaturally in view of the position of the French language at the time) on a system of transcription in use in France. So "Peking" was in fact a rendering of the Mandarin pronunciation "Peking", as any student of Chinese who has had to use older French and other continental European text books would no doubt be able to confirm. And since the Chinese do not speak in characters, except in cartoons, they vocalise the name. And yes, in Beijing they do say "Beijing".

Yours faithfully,  
PETER H. NANCARROW,  
1 Oakington Road,  
Girton, Cambridge.  
September 6.

From Mr B. A. Young  
Sir, While we are reconsidering the English versions of foreign names, should we not think of White Russia? That is what Belorussia means, and that is certainly how it used to be called.

Yours faithfully,  
B. A. YOUNG,  
Clyde House,  
1 Station Street,  
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.  
September 5.

From Mr Steven Roberts  
Sir, I couldn't agree more with Professor Webb of Dublin on foreign names. The sooner the Holyhead boats dock at Kingstown again, instead of Dun Laoghaire, the better.

Yours faithfully,  
STEVEN ROBERTS,  
30 Sidney Road,  
Harrow, Middlesex.  
September 5.

### On with the new

From Mr Michael Bennett

Sir, Your Diary (September 5) wants a new name for the old Soviet Union. Since what Mr Gorbachev and his team seem to have in mind is a Free Union of Sovereign Republics, why not call it that? The best result would be that the Russian initials of Svyobodny Soyuz Sverenykh Respublik would remain the familiar Cyrillic CCCP.

Yours faithfully,  
M. A. BENNETT,  
7a Gresham Gardens, NW11.  
September 5.

From Lord McIntosh of Haringey

Sir, Why not Eurasia — or would George Orwell have objected? Yours sincerely,  
ANDREW MCINTOSH,  
27 Hurst Avenue,  
Highgate, N6.  
September 5.

### Long lease

From Mrs Rany Sieber

Sir, If the US buy the Soviet Mir-2 space station (report, September 10), would it be freehold or would they have to pay ground rent?

Yours faithfully,  
RANY SIEBER,  
2 North Grove,  
Highgate, N6.  
September 10.

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**6.00 Ceefax**  
**6.30 BBC Breakfast News** begins with *Business Breakfast*. At 6.55 Nicholas Witchell and Laurie Mayer present news and topical reports with regular business, sport, weather, regional news and travel bulletins.  
**9.05 Perfect Strangers**. American comedy series. 9.30 *Ferrari in Pursuit* (r). Nigel Ferrari goes in search of people thirsting for fame including an octogenarian who believes that it is never too late to make it in showbusiness (r).  
**10.00 News**, regional news and weather. 10.05 *Playdays*. 10.25 *Stoppit and Tidyup*. Cartoon series narrated by Terry Wogan (r). 10.35 *Raggy Ann and Andy*. Adventures of two mischievous rag dolls.  
**11.00 News**, regional news and weather. 11.05 *High Chaparral*. Vintage western series. Manolito is the victim of a case of mistaken identity and is arrested on charges of murder and robbery (r). 11.55 *Reviving Antiques*. John Fitzmaurice Mills with advice on cleaning antiques.  
**12.00 News**, regional news and weather. 12.05 *The Garden Party*, presented by Paul Cole, Debbie Greenwood and Denis Tuohy. Today's guests at Glasgow's Botanic Gardens are Kathi Ford and actor Kenneth Branagh who discusses his new film *Dead Again*. 12.55 Regional news and weather.  
**1.00 Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s). 1.50 *Four Squares*. Knockout quiz game hosted by John Sachs (s).  
**2.15 Knots Landing**. (Ceefax) (s). Today the former world champion Steve Davis takes on Martin Clark.  
**3.30 Tom and Jerry Triple Bill**. Cartoons. 3.50 *Puddingtime*. Poet. Cartoon (r). 3.55 *Radio Roo*. Episode two of the five-part children's comedy (r). 4.10 *Heathcliffe with Cats and Co.* Cartoon (r). 4.35 *Heathcliffe*. The first in a new series of inventive ideas on the art of picture-making, presented by Tony Hart and Gabrielle Bradshaw. (Ceefax).  
**5.00 News**, regional news and weather. 5.05 *Byker Grove*. Episode 15 of the 20-part children's drama set in and around a youth club in north-east England (r). (Ceefax).  
**5.30 Neighbours**. (r). (Ceefax) (s). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster.  
**6.00 Six O'Clock News** with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather.  
**6.30 Regional news magazines**. Northern Ireland: Neighbours.



Lenny Henry: reveals his true identity on Wogan (7.00pm)

**7.00 Wogan** with Gloria Hunniford. Tonight's guests include comedian and actor Lenny Henry whose new film *True Identity* goes on general release on Friday. Sunnie Mann, wife of hostage Jackie Mann, and pop group Simply Red.  
**7.30 Bergerac**. *For the People*. A repeat of the feature length episode screened last Boxing Day. Jersey Jim has settled in France with his girlfriend Danielle, but still keeps in touch with his former colleagues on Jersey who have discovered a cache of grenades hidden in a cargo of Scotch whisky. They have found a French connection and seek Jim's help. He also becomes involved in electronic frauds perpetrated by two young British graps. A dodgy business deal of Charlie Hungerford's. Starring John Nettles, Terence Alexander, Theresa Lillard and Kenneth Cranham (r). (Ceefax) (s).  
**8.00 Nine O'Clock News** with Maryn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather.  
**9.30 Sportsnight**. The return of the sports magazine presented by Desmond Lynam. Boxing: live coverage of the WBC light heavyweight world title fight between the holder, Dennis Andrieu, and Jeff Harding of Australia. The commentator is London's Hammerhead Championship. Football: highlights from four of tonight's internationals - England v Germany at Wembley, Northern Ireland at home to the Faroe Islands, Scotland away to Switzerland and Wales' friendly with Brazil at the National Stadium, Cardiff. There is also a report on Liverpool's return to European football six years after the Heysel stadium tragedy.  
**2.00 Weather**.  
**NBS: (v) indicates stereo**

**6.45 Open University: Social Scientists at Work**. Ends at 7.35.  
**6.00 Mervyn**.  
**6.15 The Gun**. Series exploring the history and development of firearms (r).  
**6.30 The Journey**. Playwright Peter Terson and reporter Dennis Siddicom continue their gypsy caravan journey along the pilgrim's way from Winchester to Canterbury. This morning they visit Jane Austen's village of Chawton (r).  
**8.00 A Fisherman's Diary**. Derek Law fishes for lunch, perch and sea trout on the tranquil waters at Nossel Priory and the stormy lochs of northwest Scotland (r).  
**9.30 Liberal Democrats Conference '91**. The third day's debates introduced by Donald MacCormick and Vivian White, beginning with emergency motions.  
**12.55 The Famous Teddy Z**. Comedy series about a young Hollywood agent.  
**1.20 Mr Benn**. Animated adventures (r).  
**1.35 Discovering Birds**. Tony Soper with the last in his series on the delights of birdwatching (r).  
**2.00 News** and weather followed by *Holiday Outings*. Gillian Reynolds visits Villa Verna as the city celebrates Mozart's bicentenary (r).  
**2.15 Liberal Democrats Conference '91**. Further coverage from Bournemouth. The proceedings include debates on NHS trusts and the environment. With news and weather at 3.00 and 3.55.  
**5.00 A Place to Call Our Own**. A documentary looking at 46 families in the Docklands who spent two years building their own homes (r).  
**5.30 John Tovey's Entertaining on a Plate**. Tovey prepares a celebration dinner for his group of keen amateur cooks, including a puff-pastry starter, a pork main course and a chocolate marmalade pudding.  
**6.00 World Gymnastics Championships**. Barry Davies introduces action from the men's team event. The commentator at the Hoosier Dome, Indianapolis, is Mitch Fenner.  
**7.00 DEF** It begins with *Rough Guide to Careers*. Raj Dhande and Danielle Lux with advice on jobs in the world of finance. Commentator Tony Slattery talks about fundraising boost Michael Watson on merchandising and Shami Ahmed, founder of the Joe Bloggs fashion label, on how to succeed in business. 7.40 *Gimme Eight*. Lisa T'Amour samples the Japanese music programme *Mega Rock Show*.  
**8.05 Reaching for the Skies**. The test in the series on the history of aviation looks at the altitudes of flying. With contributions from former test pilot Richard Branson, author of *Jonathan Livingston Seagull*, Chuck Yeager, the first man to break the sound barrier, and Joe Engle, who commanded the space shuttle Columbia (r). (Ceefax) (s).  
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**6.25 Runway**. Three more contestants vie for the chance of winning a luxury holiday (s). 6.55 *Thames news* and weather.  
**10.00 The Time ... The Place ...**. Topical discussion series hosted by John Stapleton.  
**10.40 The Morning**. Family magazine presented by Richard Medley and Judy Finnigan, live from Liverpool's Albert Dock. Today's edition includes photographer Terry O'Neill giving advice to a celebrity, and Sarah Kennedy looking for some of the country's eccentric delights. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather.  
**12.10 Alerts**. For the very young (r).  
**12.30 News** with John Sichel. Weather. 1.10 *Thames News* and weather.  
**1.20 Home and Away**. Australian drama serial. 1.50 *A Country Practice*. Medical drama serial set in an outback medical centre.  
**2.20 Take the High Road**. Highland soap. 2.50 *Give Us a Cue*. Celebrity chandises introduced by Michael Parkinson (s).  
**3.15 ITN News headlines**. 3.20 *Thames News* headlines. 3.25 *The Young Doctors*. Australian medical drama.  
**3.55 Goshawks** (s). 4.15 *Garfield and Friends*. Cartoon (r). 4.40 *Woof! Children's* comedy about a boy who changes into a dog without any warning (r). (Crucial) (s).  
**5.10 Blockbusters**. General knowledge quiz for teenagers.  
**5.40 News** with Carol Barnes. (Crucial) Weather.  
**5.55 Thames Help**. John Murray with advice on claiming Family Credit.  
**6.00 Home and Away** (r). (Crucial).  
**6.30 Thames News**. (Crucial) Weather.  
**7.00 Healer**. The Thriller. Vince Power's amiable comedy series starring Donald Sinden and Windsor Davies as rival antique dealers, here celebrating a decade of being neighbours. (Crucial) (s).  
**7.30 Coronation Street**. (Crucial).  
**8.00 Magic Comedy Hour**. Rudy Coby, Jeff Hobson and David Williamson introduce a showcase of new magical talent.



Three days: Sylvia Syms as the former prime minister (8.00pm)

**8.50 Thatcher the First Days**.  
**CHOICE: A** dramatic reconstruction of three weeks that shook the Conservative party and the nation, if not the world, puts conspiracy theories to one side and tends to ascribe the fall of Mrs Thatcher to mistakes and miscalculations. It is suggested that Sir Geoffrey Howe was pushed into a resignation speech he didn't intend to make, that Michael Heseltine did not want to fight for the leadership and that the Thatcher campaign was inept and damaging. Everything in the script is said to be true. Some of it is based on the non-attributable recollections of the leading participants, though the main impression is of a familiar re-run of events as reported at the time. Once you get over the shock of seeing household names played by actors who don't necessarily look or sound like them - and Sylvia Syms as Mrs Thatcher makes no attempt at a Spitting Image caricature - the drama is crisp, gripping and often funny. Whether it adds much to the sum of existing knowledge is another thing. (Crucial) (s).  
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**6.00 The Channel 4 Daily**  
**9.25 Film: International Settlement (1938, b/w)** starring George Sanders and Dolores Del Rio. Effective romantic drama about an English adventurer in 1937 Shanghai who agrees to impersonate an arms magnate and finds himself a marked man. Directed by Eugene Forde.  
**11.00 Fragile Earth: The Greening of Thailand**. The environmental documentary series continues with this film about the Thai government's decision to ban logging (r). (Teletext).  
**12.00 Stolen Childhood**. The first in a repeated series of six programmes made to mark the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Today, the stories of a nine-year-old Indian child with polio; and a 12-year-old New York boy abandoned by his parents.  
**12.30 Sesame Street**. Pre-school learning series.  
**2.00 Changing Faces**. The concluding part of the series tracing the history of portrait painting (r). (Teletext).  
**2.30 Channel 4 Racing** from Doncaster. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 2.35, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races.  
**4.30 Countdown**. Richard Whiteley hosts another round of the words and numbers game.  
**5.00 Write the Wipe**. Cartoon series (r).  
**5.05 The Oprah Winfrey Show**. New-born babies who were stolen at birth and sold on the black market are re-united with their real mothers.  
**6.00 Kate and Alla**. Comedy series about two divorcees sharing a Greenwich Village home.  
**6.30 Sixtieth Anniversary**. Ann Bryson and Maria McElane are in Stockholm to talk to the band Roxette. David Essex talks about his forthcoming tour of the UK. Harrison Ford discusses his new film *Regarding Henry*; and Vanessa Williams, the former Miss America who lost her life after posing nude for Playboy magazine, is interviewed.  
**7.00 Channel 4 News** with Jon Snow and Zainab Sedawi. (Teletext) Weather.  
**8.00 Brookside**. Topical soap set in a Merseyside suburb. (Teletext) (s).  
**8.30 Check Out '91**. This week's edition of the consumer series investigates whether material sent to schools by the Sugar Bureau is educational or promotional (s).



Philippines refugee: Jerry Gonzalez loses her home (8.00pm)

**9.00 The Dispossessed: Strangers in Their Own Land**.  
**CHOICE: The** 17 million refugees recognised by the United Nations are outnumbered by the 20 million or so "internal" refugees who have crossed no frontier and therefore receive no help under international treaties. Roger Finnergan's clear and well-organised film offers a microcosm of their plight in the story of 15-year-old Jerry Gonzalez. He lives in the Philippines and his family is one of thousands who have been innocent victims of the 20-year-old civil war between the government and the communist rebels. Jerry became an internal refugee after his village was attacked by vigilantes, who killed his father and forced the family to flee. They hid in the jungle and three of his brothers died of disease. The irony is that while Jerry and his like are being officially deprived of food, the Philippines offers a safe haven for refugees from Vietnam on their way to generously funded resettlement in the United States.  
**10.00 The Golden Girls**. Snappy comedy about four Miami matrons who share a home. (Teletext) (s).  
**10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back**. In the last of the series Clive Anderson talks to comedian Tony Slattery, footballer Gary Lineker and actress Maureen Lipman (r). (s).  
**11.05 Nightingales**. Last episode of the muddled comedy about security men guarding an empty office block. Starring Robert Lindsay (r). (s).  
**11.35 Frank's Place**. So-so comedy about a staid Boston professor who inherits a New Orleans restaurant. With a guest appearance by Dizzy Gillespie and his band.  
**12.00 Mission Europa**. Final episode of the European space drama. Ends at 12.55am.  
**NBS: (v) indicates stereo**

**TONIGHT 12.25** Hardball 1.30 Donatus 2.15 Christmas Eve 3.45 Film: Crack in the Wall 4.30 About Grace 4.55 The Comedy Store 5.10-5.30 Johnnie  
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## National Power to build coal docks

NATIONAL Power is to develop facilities capable of importing more than five million tonnes of coal a year in partnership with First Corporate Shipping, the company that took a £22.5 million lease on Bristol's municipal docks less than three weeks ago.

The coal import facility will be part of a sophisticated £70 million deep water terminal development at Bristol's Royal Portbury Dock. It will feed directly into trains carrying coal to power stations in South Wales, the Midlands and southern England.

Combined with other import ventures under negotiation on the Tees and Humber, and existing facilities at Thameside power stations, the Bristol development will give National Power the capacity to import 17 million tonnes of coal a year, more than a third of its total needs. It will provide increased leverage in negotiations to force British Coal to supply at world market prices when existing contracts expire in April 1993.

PowerGen, National Power's smaller rival, also has advanced plans to develop terminals capable of meeting more than a third of its present needs.

## Baltic requests

The newly independent Baltic republics of Latvia and Estonia have applied for membership of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the London-based institution to assist eastern Europe's economies. The EBRD said yesterday it welcomed the applications, which would be submitted to its board, and had agreed to send a fact-finding mission to the republics. On Monday, Estonia applied for membership of the International Monetary Fund.

## THE POUND

US dollar 1.7280 (+0.0005)  
German mark 2.9393 (-0.0078)  
Exchange index 91.3 (-0.2)  
Bank of England official base rate (4pm)

## STOCK MARKETS

FT 30 share 2071.9 (-16.7)  
FT-SE 100 2630.8 (-22.4)  
New York Dow Jones 2990.38 (-16.78)  
Tokyo Nikkei Ave. 2241.58 (-162.40)

## MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:  
Lambert Hovarth 250p (+15p)  
Asac Brit Ports 334p (+12p)  
Powell Duffryn 282p (+10p)  
Mace 245p (+24p)  
Adco 522p (+18p)  
Haynes Publishing 135p (+25p)  
FALLS:  
Gaskell 135p (-9p)  
Henderson Admin 630p (-13p)  
MAM 630p (-18p)  
Oxford Instruments 285p (-10p)  
Savoy Hotels 'A' 637p (-22p)  
Reckitt & Colman 678p (-17p)  
Softhys 700p (-25p)  
Arjo Wiggins 271p (-17p)  
News Corp 451p (-18p)  
Ranger 442p (-10p)  
Hawker Siddeley 411p (-13p)  
Delta 589p (-12p)  
Brit Aerospace 507p (-10p)  
General Accident 571p (-14p)  
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## INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 10½%  
3-month interbank 10½-10¾%  
3-month eligible bills 5½-5¾%  
US: Prime Rate 8½%  
Federal Funds 5½-5¾%  
3-month Treasury Bills 5.25-5.24%  
30-year bonds 10½-10¾%  
ECU 4.3177 ECU 2.7672

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DM: £1.9341  
Swf: £1.4905  
FF: £1.7680  
Yen: £1.3480  
Index: 91.3  
ECU: £0.6942  
ECU: £1.4317  
London forex market close

## GOLD

London Pm: \$351.20 pm \$351.70  
closed \$350.40-350.90 (\$202.70-203.20)  
New York  
Comex \$351.25-351.75

## NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sep) \$19.90 bbl (\$19.80)

## RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 133.8 July (1987=100)  
\* Denotes midday trading price

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## Lowest rise since March last year

# Factory gate prices boost inflation hope

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major's increasingly upbeat remarks about the prospects for lower inflation have been given strong support in the latest official figures on manufacturers' prices and raw material costs.

The provisional data showed factory gate prices on sales to the home market slowing from an annual 5.9 per cent on July to 5.6 per cent in August, the lowest year-on-year rise since March last year.

The slowdown, which was greater than expected, should start to translate into lower retail prices by the end of the year.

Some City analysts concluded that the government had all but redeemed its pledge to defeat inflation, its prime policy objective.

The money market, similarly encouraged by the better inflation prospects, has largely discounted a fresh half-point

cut in interest rates soon, despite last week's half-point base rate cut.

More sceptical economists, said, however, that the slowdown in annual output price inflation to a large extent reflected manufacturers' need to stay competitive to survive the deep recession. Recovery could again put upward pressure on prices.

The producer price data showed a rise of only 0.1 per cent in factory gate prices in August, following an 0.4 per cent rise in July.

Excluding volatile items, such as food, drink and tobacco, the annual rise in output prices slowed from 5.1 per cent to 4.3 per cent. In the first quarter this year, it was still rising at an annual 6.3 per cent.

The cost of fuel and raw materials, which represent 40 per cent of manufacturers' total cost, fell unexpectedly in August, dropping a pro-

visional 1.2 per cent, mainly because of cheaper metals and home-produced materials for the food industry.

Compared with August last year, raw material costs were 0.7 per cent lower, having shown an annual rise of 1.3 per cent in July. The stronger pound and weaker world commodity prices contributed to the decline.

Bill Martin, chief economist at UBS Phillips & Drew, said that the output price measure could still be overstating inflation, suggesting that the picture might be even better than officially portrayed.

The Confederation of British Industry has long been convinced that inflationary pressures have been effectively halted in manufacturing. The CBI expects a further decline in producer price inflation in the months ahead.

Mr Martin estimates that manufacturers' unit costs were rising at an annual 4 per cent in August, suggesting a recovery in profit margins. On a 12- to 18-month view, "Britain's inflation problem is licked," he said.

Keith Skeoch, chief economist at James Capel, predicted that core inflation is about to fall very substantially, to about 4 per cent by mid-1992, with a headline inflation rate of 3.25 per cent for most of next year.

Gerard Lyons, chief economist at DKB International, said, however, that the producer price improvement, while very good news, was the consequence of the weakness in the economy and large-scale price discounting. "We cannot say that there has been a permanent reduction until well into the next upturn."

The pound was unmoved by the data, as a base rate cut to 10 per cent has been largely discounted in the money market. The key three-month interbank rate closed at 10½ per cent. Against the mark, sterling softened slightly at the end of the London trading day, to stand at DM2.9341 at 5pm. Its trade-weighted index ended 0.2 lower at 91.3.

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## Savoy makes first loss for 12 years

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THE Savoy Hotel group made a pre-tax loss for the six months to end-June for the first time in 12 years. Giles Shepard, managing director, said that the Gulf war and the recession in Britain and America meant that the group faced its worst downturn since the beginning of the second world war.

The pre-tax loss was £674,000, compared with profits of £5.34 million last time. Turnover fell 19 per cent to £37 million and costs were cut by 9 per cent. Trading profits, which fell from £7.93 million to £2.98 million, were wiped out by the depreciation charge. Interest payable rose from £193,000 to £731,000 because of reduced turnover and capital expenditure of £6.1 million.

A taxation credit of £1.9 million, £1.4 million of which

came from over-provision in previous years, led to a post-tax profit of £1.24 million. Earnings per A share fell from 12.3p to 4.3p, and they fell from 6.2p to 2.2p per B share. As usual, there is no interim dividend.

Mr Shepard said an operating loss was made in January, February and March, and the profit in the subsequent three months was not enough to cover the losses. The group decided not to discount prices but "added extra value" to visitors paying the full rate.

The "A" shares fell 32p to 638p. A report on the UK hotel industry by Howarth Consulting, part of Stoy Hayward, says the industry is unlikely to recover fully from the recession until 1993 at the earliest, but central London will still need more hotel beds by 1994.

## Kravis's wife winds up firm

From PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

CAROLYN Roehm, fashion designer wife of Henry Kravis, the management buyout king, has announced she is going out of business.

Mr Kravis, head of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, which controls 15 businesses with total turnover of \$40 billion, was responsible for launching the world's largest takeover bid, a \$25 billion deal for RJR Nabisco, the food and tobacco giant, in a leveraged buyout in 1987.

It is estimated Mr Kravis has put \$20 million into Ms Roehm's business, which designs extravagant bellows for New York's party set.

Adrienne Kalligeros of Carolyn Roehm Inc. denied the shutdown was based mainly on financial prob-

lems. "Money was not the problem," she said. But insiders say management expenses have soared and sales have slowed. At the height of her popularity, Ms Roehm's designs could be found in Saks Fifth Avenue, Neiman Marcus and Bergdorf Goodman.

Carolyn, who at 38, 101cm towers over Mr Kravis, did not mention finances. She said her husband "continued to extend his total and complete support of whatever I elected to do with my business," and stood ready to help Carolyn Roehm Inc. through this tumultuous time.

The financial state of the company is unclear. It employs 65 people and will be wound down slowly according to its spokeswoman.



Roehm: designer grows



Integration on schedule: Stephen Walls, chief executive of Arjo Wiggins Appleton

## Warning from AWA after 5% profits fall

By JONATHAN PRYNN

ARJO Wiggins Appleton, the Anglo-French paper and pulp group, has warned of a further deterioration in operating conditions during the second half of the year.

The unexpectedly bearish statement, combined with an interim dividend held at 3.3p, sent the shares tumbling 17p to 272p.

Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-June were 5 per cent down at £135.5 million. Cob Stenham, the chairman, said that difficult trading conditions would continue in Britain in the second half, while conditions would worsen in most other parts of Europe. America, however, had shown "the first, weak signs of improvement," he said.

Stephen Walls, the chief executive, added that while sales volumes had fallen only marginally in the first half, sales prices were showing year-on-year declines of between 6 and 27 per cent for paper and 30 per cent for pulp.

The paper manufacturing division increased its operating profits by 12 per cent to £142.2 million, but the pulp and forestry operations slumped to a £4.9 million operating loss from a £6.8 million profit.

Profits from paper merchandising fell from £14.3 million to £8.8 million.

Mr Walls said that the integration of Arjomari, the French group that merged with Wiggins Appleton in December, was "pretty well on schedule".

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## US to press Abu Dhabi for Naqvi

By OUR BUSINESS STAFF

SENIOR American officials were last night trying to arrange for the deportation from Abu Dhabi of Swaleh Naqvi, former BCCI chief, to the United States, where he faces several charges in connection with investigations into the bank.

Mr Naqvi was detained, with more than 30 other senior executives from BCCI, by Abu Dhabi police on Sunday.

American embassy staff in Abu Dhabi were referring all enquiries to Washington but other western diplomats were

sure they would be pressing to have Mr Naqvi sent to face charges in America.

For the moment, police inquiries are believed to be concerned only with possible breaches of local law. The police reportedly acted on the advice of a committee of investigation set up in Abu Dhabi to examine the allegations of fraud and mismanagement at the bank.

British embassy staff are seeking access to 12 British passport-holders among those being held in Abu Dhabi.

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# DELTA

	1991 1st Half	1990 1st Half
Turnover	389.6	415.5
Profit before tax	33.1	46.1
Earnings per share	14.3p	18.9p
Interim ordinary dividend	4.2p	4.2p

Copies of the Interim Report for the six months ended 29th June 1991 from which the above is an extract are available from 16th September from the Secretary, Delta plc, 1 Kingsway, London WC2B 6XF. Telephone: 071 836 3535

## Sparks fly over electricity prices

By ROSS THIEMAN  
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

AN ENQUIRY has begun into the operation of rules governing the electricity spot market, or pool, after prices reached a new peak of 16.1p a unit during Monday afternoon.

In an unprecedented move, the Office of Electricity Supply has called for all relevant papers to explain how the pool price of power was ten times that set for the period of slack demand in the early hours of the morning. The committee that runs the pool has also begun a review to see how its rules operated on the day.

The price surge has renewed concern that the pool workings are unsatisfactory. Claims that the pool mechanism is open to abuse by National Power and PowerGen, the two largest generating companies in England and Wales, have

followed the failure of prices to fall this summer, in spite of the seasonal weakening of electricity demand.

The generating companies deny any collaboration on prices. They, too, are alarmed at the abrupt surge in prices between 4pm and 5.30pm on Monday because they often buy from the pool to top up supplies that they have contracted to provide to regional power companies or industrial customers at a fixed price.

Large industrial customers, such as ICI, which buy some of their power direct from the pool may also face increased costs as a result.

Industry sources say prices rocketed when high cost gas turbines, kept to meet sudden surges in demand, were switched in to overcome a temporary shortfall in plant availability. Under the pool rules, the operating cost of the last generating plant turned on determines the price

paid for power from all the other power stations.

Margaret Thompson, chief executive of the pool committee, said: "We are looking at how the rules worked on this occasion."

The committee has already modified the workings of the pool in response to past concerns.

A spokesman for National Power said his company knew of no reason for the surge in prices. His company had made its bids as normal, and there was nothing unusual about the pattern of plant that was out of service for maintenance. "There was no material change in the pattern of our bidding compared with the last few weeks," he said.

A PowerGen spokesman said: "We are aware of what happened to pool prices and it is under investigation for our own interest internally."



## SHT gives warning on debt pact

SCOTTISH Heritable Trust has given warning that its bankers have not yet agreed to extend a debt standstill agreement.

The troubled conglomerate, which earlier this year needed a temporary waiver of borrowing limits after gearing rose above 300 per cent, incurred losses of £3.15 million in the six months to end-June (£3.88 million loss).

## Cantors slips

Cantors, the furniture group that took over 23 Lowndes Queensway stores, incurred an £875,000 exceptional charge in respect of the acquisition in the year to end-April. Pre-tax profits fell from £3.96 million to £2.55 million, and the final dividend has been maintained at 3p, making an unchanged 4p for the year.

## P&O listing

THE Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co plans to acquire a secondary listing for its shares on the Hong Kong stock exchange.

## Lasmo rights

Lasmo, the oil exploration group, said Lasmo Canada, its North American subsidiary, was to raise Can\$30 million (£15 million) through a one-for-seven rights issue of new shares at Can\$6.50.

## Beattie lower

James Beattie, the department store group, saw profits fall from £3.02 million to £2.37 million in the six months to end-July. The interim dividend is maintained at 1.4p.

## Pittard revives

FITTED Garnier, the leather group, is back in the black after dropping unprofitable businesses and cutting jobs. Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-June were £1.04 million (£1.87 million loss). There is no interim dividend (0.25p).

## EIS climbs

EIS, the aircraft parts group, reported a rise in pre-tax profits from £6.66 million to £7.03 million in the six months to end-June, and is lifting the interim dividend from 3.025p to 3.175p a share.

# EC looks at cutting level for referral of mergers

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE European Commission is considering sharply reducing the threshold under which large corporate mergers are referred to Brussels for approval.

EC officials are expected to recommend that the threshold for a decision being taken by Brussels, rather than by member states' national competition authorities, be lowered from Ecu5 billion (about £3.7 billion) of combined turnover to Ecu3 billion (about £2.2 billion).

Such a move would increase the number of EC companies proposing mergers being decided by the EC's merger task force, rather than their national authorities.

The threshold, which came into operation last September, is due for review in 1993. Sir Leon Brittan, the competition commissioner, however, is likely to begin the review sooner, perhaps as early as next year.

EC leaders believe the scope of the commission's merger powers should be extended by reducing the threshold. They favour at least a 40 per cent reduction, from Ecu5 billion to Ecu3 billion, with some arguing for a cut to Ecu2 billion.

The likely proposals could also change a secondary threshold, which gives a proposed merger a Community dimension. Currently, a reference must be made to Brussels if the aggregate Community-wide turnover of at least two of the companies involved is Ecu250 million or more. EC officials believe this threshold should also be reduced, to Ecu150 million or more.

There are, however, no moves to change the third threshold - that mergers will escape EC attention if more than two-thirds of each party's

sales are concentrated in one member state.

Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of the Office of Fair Trading, said yesterday that he believed it likely that a change in the thresholds would come in the next few years.

The OFT and the EC have differed in the past about the EC's merger task force having sole jurisdiction on large mergers - the so-called one-stop shop approach, which the EC feels is central to the operation of its competition policy.

Sir Gordon told the Confederation of British Industry conference in London that he did not argue against the one-stop shop approach, although he said it was wise for British companies involved in any large merger to keep the OFT informed.

He also gave a warning against direct or indirect interference in EC merger decisions by political manoeuvring in Brussels.

He was concerned that the college of the EC commissioners held the right to overturn a decision by the merger task force. Commissioners might be influenced on grounds of regional policy, or by ideas such as single, large European champions of a particular industry, and reject a task force decision.

Sir Gordon said of proposed decisions: "The belief that the proposal might be unacceptable to the college of commissioners may cause the merger task force to come to a less than satisfactory settlement."

He gave warning that in such cases, remedial action might have to be brought by a member state or an interested party in the European Court of Justice to right any merger decisions believed to be taken wrongly.



Sceptical about recovery: Robert Easton, of Delta

## Delta maintains payout

By MARTIN BARROW

DELTA, the electrical cables and engineering group, is maintaining its interim dividend at 4.2p a share, despite a fall in profits.

In the six months to end-June, pre-tax profits fell from £46.09 million to £33.06 mil-

lion and earnings from 18.9p a share to 14.3p. The company, which is chaired by Dr Robert Easton, said it saw "few tangible signs of the much-heralded revival".

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## Macarthy backs Lloyds Chemists bid

By OUR CITY STAFF

MACARTHY, the pharmaceuticals retailer and manufacturer, has recommended a £83.6 million cash-and-shares bid by Lloyds Chemists.

The decision was taken after a rival offer from UniChem, the drugs wholesaler, was referred to the monopolies commission last Friday. Lloyds, which already owns 22.5 per cent of Macarthy, urged shareholders to accept its offer, worth 301p a share.

UniChem, whose £74 million bid automatically lapsed after being referred, believes that the Lloyds offer will also be referred.

Grampian Holdings, which has bid 206.6p a share, has received OFT clearance.

## Gulf war hits Templeton

AMERICANS' reluctance to invest abroad after the Gulf war led to the first-ever net withdrawal of funds at Templeton, Galbraith & Hansberger, the Bahamas fund management group.

Templeton's global funds saw net redemptions of \$100 million in the first half of the year. But funds managed still grew by a tenth, to \$17.5 billion, because of buoyant stock markets.

Lack of new investment and rising costs pushed pre-tax profits down 5 per cent to \$33.6 million, but the interim dividend is being raised 2 cents to 7 cents.

## Singer expands lending side

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

SINGER & Friedlander, the merchant bank, is expanding its lending operations in the Midlands in anticipation of a renewed demand for lending as the recession recedes.

Singer has recruited John Gregory, the head of banking at Henry Ansbacher, to head its banking operations in Birmingham.

John Hodson, chief executive, said the bank was looking for attractive lending opportunities. "We have a

bank with masses of liquidity," he said. Singer is also expanding its corporate finance side, and its Spanish equity broking business.

News of Singer's plans came as it reported a further fall in earnings due to the recession. Pre-tax profits fell 7 per cent to £8.11 million in the first half of the year. The fall was

suffered by the banking subsidiary, while the property and investment arms slightly increased profits. The result

was sharply higher than in the second half of last year, however, when the bank made a large general provision against its £250 million loan book and incurred a £13.9 million loss on its stake in Ferrari, the computer company. The interim dividend stays at 1p.

The figures were restated to cover new rules governing Singer's convertible loans stock issue. The group will be forced to redeem the £32 million issue in a year.

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Bank stops backing Ramar rights issue

SAMUEL Montagu has withdrawn its support for a crucial £5.8 million rights issue by Ramar Textiles. Blaming a sudden deterioration in Ramar's financial position, the merchant bank said yesterday that it was terminating its underwriting agreement for the five-for-two cash call.

An extraordinary meeting due to take place today to approve the fund-raising will be adjourned. Ramar shares were suspended on Monday at 14p, compared with the rights issue price of 8p. The company said production had been disrupted by its poor financial position and orders had suffered. Business with Marks and Spencer accounts for nine tenths of its turnover. Talks with advisers continue.

### Bodycote rises 9.7%

BODYCOTE International, the metals technology group, has reported a 9.7 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits to £5.5 million, in the six months to end-June. Joe Dwek, chairman, said all the mainstream businesses had "demonstrated considerable resilience to adverse trading conditions." The interim dividend is 3.5p (3.25p).

### Macro lifts payout 24%

MACRO 4, an independent software company specialising in IBM mainframe computers, is lifting dividend payments 24 per cent to 11p a share (8.9p) with a final of 7.175p. In the year to June 30, pre-tax profits rose 4 per cent to £7.65 million but earnings were up 12 per cent to 23p a share because of lower tax charges.

### Page hit by jobs trend

MICHAEL Page, the recruitment agency group, is being hit by rising unemployment. Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-June fell from £2.77 million to £2.09 million on turnover down from £29.5 million to £21.2 million. The interim dividend is maintained at 6p.

The group expects no short-term increase in trade, but says it still intends to develop a European network. The shares were unchanged at 37½p.

### HCN drops to £636,000

DEPRESSED advertising cut taxable profits at Home Counties Newspapers Holdings, the local newspaper group, from £2.24 million to £636,000 in the six months to June 30. Trading losses were £23,000 (£1.38 million profit) and investment income £659,000 (£856,000). The interim dividend is held at 2.75p a share.

### TLS Range in the red

TLS Range, the USM vehicle rental group, reported a pre-tax loss of £267,000 (£453,000 profit) for the six months to end-June. The group had warned shareholders to expect a loss. The shares rose 2p to 29p. Richard Birley, chairman, said turnover in July and August was ahead of budget. There is no interim dividend (1p).

### PCT boosts margins

HIGHER margins offset a 5 per cent drop in turnover at PCT Group, the distributor of lifting and welding equipment, which reported taxable profits of £560,181 for the half-year to June 30, against £553,239. Turnover was £9.39 million, compared with £9.94 million.

Earnings slipped from 8.5p a share to 8p but the interim dividend is increased from 2.4p to 2.5p. The company said it had made an encouraging start to the second half.



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# Inflation is down but not out

## COMMENT

Britain's inflation problem is hiked. That was how Bill Martin of UBS Phillips & Drew reacted to yesterday's news on producer prices, and most of the City agreed. Without wishing to spoil the party, a few health warnings are required. Producer price inflation of 5.6 per cent at the low point of the economic cycle is nothing to write home about. Even excluding the volatile food, drink and tobacco component on the grounds that this was exaggerated by April's budget measures, the annual increase of 4.8 per cent is not good enough to maintain British industry's international competitiveness. In Germany, the last producer price figures showed an annual increase of only 3.3 per cent and much of this was due to a once and for all increase in energy taxes. Excluding this increase, Germany's equivalent of the "underlying" PPI would be below 2.5 per cent. Even without such adjustments, Germany's PPI figures for August, due out later this week, are expected to drop below 3 per cent. Meanwhile in Japan, wholesale inflation is below 1/2

per cent on a year-on-year basis, and even in inflation-prone America, the wholesale price index is rising only 3 1/2 per cent.

There are several mitigating factors for Britain. One is the sharp fall in the monthly rate of increase in the PPI, as opposed to the annual comparison. In the past three months, the seasonally adjusted PPI, excluding food, drink and tobacco, has risen by an annualised rate of only 3.3 per cent and this gives the best picture of what is going on in industry at present. The other complication is the dispute between the government and the CBI over the accuracy of factory-gate price figures. The sharp fall in monthly producer inflation since the dreadful figures published from January to March suggests that the CBI was right when it argued that official statistics underestimated the extent of business to business discounting and was, therefore, a needlessly alarming gauge of

underlying inflationary pressures. Whether the discounts are now creeping into the official price lists or whether the government statisticians are getting better at picking them up remains unclear. If it is the former effect, then the fall in inflation should prove more enduring, one of the problems of the CBI's emphasis on discounts is that a discount given in the dire straits of recession is all too easily taken away when business improves.

Quibbles like this are of little importance, however, compared with the fundamental reason for caution about PPI figures. Producer prices exclude the service sector and this is where most of the inflationary pressure in an advanced economy tends to be generated, except at unusual times such as oil crises. This is

why monetary authorities in Germany and Japan continue to worry about inflation despite extremely good PPI figures. This caveat becomes all the more important in post-ERM Britain. A high exchange rate imposes discipline on the manufacturing sector, but its effect on services is only indirect. Even if the PPI falls fully into line with the rate in Germany, inflation in Britain may be down but not out.

## CHB float

Today's pathfinder prospectus for the flotation of CHB Group, the British and European businesses of Beazer, is expected to show the nascent housebuilding and construction group made a pre-tax profit of more than £60 million in the year

to end-June. Given that the latest results season has seen firms such as George Wimpey reporting an interim profit of a mere £200,000, the Beazer effort looks remarkable. Therein, just possibly, lies CHB's weakness.

Beazer is in a terrible mess, as yesterday's preliminary figures confirmed. But the prospects for the flotation of CHB, which should rank behind Tarmac, Wimpey and Barratt as Britain's fourth biggest housebuilder, could not be much brighter. True, it has to be said that as the results season gets into full flow, company chairmen are sticking rigidly to the downbeat script of "bumping along the bottom" and "no sign of any recovery yet". In the City, however, this admirable realism meets with distinctly short shrift.

This year's appalling profits are yesterday's news as far as the stock market is concerned. For housebuilders in particular — housebuilding accounted for

almost 90 per cent of CHB profits last year — what matters now is 1992 and even 1993 results. The result is certain well known names in the sector standing on current year price earning multiples of more than 20 (in Wimpey's case, more than 30), which drop to middle teens on 1992 earnings and only fall to more conventional levels on 1993's forecasts.

That is comforting for chairman who have to stand up and report decimated 1990 profits. But for Moger Woolley, chairman of CHB, it could prompt the odd sleepless night, for if CHB can make a profit of £60 million in a year that others have described as the worst for half a century, what sort of improvement will he be required to deliver in years to come.

The housebuilding industry is braced for recovery. But investors looking at a way of profiting from this recovery must read the CHB pathfinder carefully to decide whether its £60 million profit was influenced by special factors or truly reflects its profit potential at the bottom of the housebuilding cycle.

IF THE chips are down, a cynic once said about Anglo-French mergers, they will turn out to be French fries. Nobody, however, could have been cynical enough to predict the sorry saga of CMB Packaging, the Anglo-French group formed in 1989 through the merger of the old Metal Box company and Carnaud.

It is, perhaps, beside the point that CMB turned out to be more French than British. What is worrying is that the creation of Europe's largest packaging group, once celebrated as the quintessential role model for European companies, turned out to be a failure — so far, at least.

This afternoon, *les possesseurs* will come home to roost. CMB will announce disappointing interim profits and, if speculation is correct, the resignation of Jean-Marie Descarpentries as president. If true, M Descarpentries will be the latest in a series of executives to resign, including Alex Watson, formerly deputy to M Descarpentries, and Robert van den Heuvel, finance director.

At the time of the merger, the companies were predicted to raise profits to Fr1.9 billion on sales of Fr32 billion by 1993. So far, the trend has been downward. In 1990, net profits fell 14 per cent to Fr1 billion, due to unforeseen restructuring costs, and there are few signs of an upturn.

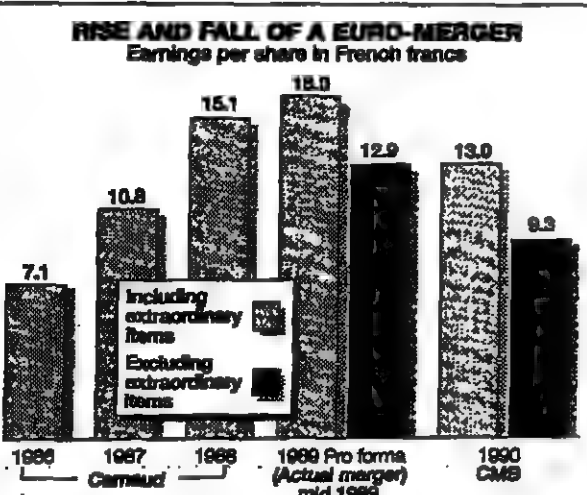
What then went wrong with CMB, and what are the lessons for others considering a continental link?

On the surface, there were good reasons to be optimistic about CMB. The merger, worth about £800 million, had short-term financial attractions and there were compelling industrial benefits. Up to the late Eighties, the packaging industry was fragmented and the ensuing wave of mergers was the answer to the concentration process in the European consumer goods and food industries, the main buyers of packaging goods.

A testimony to the industrial logic was the takeover by Pechiney of American National Can in 1988, which turned out to be reasonably successful.

The companies' activities in CMB were also complementary. Carnaud was strong in France, Germany, Italy and Spain, while Metal Box was the leader in the British market, with some Italian activity. On a chart, published by Carnaud in 1988 and entitled

## Clashes of culture laced with French dressing



"Our Vision", the relative strengths of Europe's leading packaging companies were represented by blobs, large and small, and it all fitted together rather neatly.

The chart was part of a document full of endlessly repeated phrases with quasi-religious undertones, such as the desire "to unleash the entrepreneurial passion of everybody" or "to share a collective dream". Carnaud described itself as a "community". To top it all, the collective waffle was expressed in mathematical terms:

"Excellence = Motivation x Competence x Community." Carnaud's version of E=MC².

In the event, the real world interfered with the charts and the hollow phrases and highlighted differences in management philosophy. A packaging industry expert blamed a "clash of cultures at the top, an element of a personality clash". M Descarpentries was "flamboyant, a showman, an archetypal Frenchman, who throws his arms around, full of French management school



Happier times: Mr Watson, left, with M Descarpentries

ideas, like the inverted pyramid where the customers are at the top and the management at the bottom". By contrast, the old Metal Box group operated with a typically British, top-down, centralised management approach.

This clash of cultures at the top level of the company led to indecision about organisation and strategy. The decentralised French style of management, under which the units enjoy the greatest degree of independence, has its drawbacks, according to critics. There are no purchasing synergies, which a group the size of CMB could take advantage of, since purchasing decisions are taken at local plant level. Minimal central controls can lead to a cost explosion at sub-division level. The results are higher working capital requirements than forecast and rising levels of debt.

All is not lost, however, particularly if a new management team rethinks the operation. The company's headquarters might move from Brussels to Paris, and CMB would become a genuinely French, as opposed to *à la* European, company. After all, the industrial logic of a large European packaging group remains as compelling today as it did two years ago.

One of the lessons of the CMB débâcle is that the "friendly" merger is the most dangerous form of cross-European co-operation, particularly in the case of different management styles.

Management styles are, unfortunately, different throughout Europe and present, therefore, a formidable limitation to European corporate integration. They vary from the authoritarian style of the Italian *padrone*, to the German consensus approach. Structures vary from the bureaucratically hierarchical to the decentralised. Of course, there are, also differences between companies in the same country, but none as great as the cross-country differences.

If cultures clash, the best way forward is either through outright takeover, where one culture triumphs over another, or if that is impractical, through a loose and simple arrangement of co-operation. CMB has paid a high price for its disregard of the difference in business cultures. There will be others.

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European Business Correspondent

## AWA on course for success

THE history of Anglo-French commercial ventures is not exactly littered with success stories. Even the Channel tunnel will be completed only after a century of delays. So Wiggins Teape Appleton's choice of a French partner, Arjo, to make its leap into the European super league of paper producers looks like a courageous move. The picture is further muddied by the complex shareholding structure of the merged group, although a standstill agreement locks in its French shareholder at no more than 40 per cent, at least until the end of the year.

The company admits that the integration is going more slowly than first expected, but the substantial savings that exuded the market when the merger was announced late last year are still expected to flow through by the end of 1993. Stephen Wells, the chief executive, says he is "comfortable" with analysts' forecasts of £20-30 million annual savings at the end of the three-

year integration programme. As French investors might say, however, this is all *confiture de l'avenir*. Arjo Wiggins Appleton is still facing a severe recession in most of its markets with year-on-year sales prices down 6 to 13 per cent in the paper industry. Raw pulp prices have suffered most, however, falling by as much as 40 per cent from peak levels. The forestry and pulp division caused the most damage. In addition, an unexpectedly bearish trading statement for the second half of the year, combined with a maintained 3.3p interim dividend played havoc with the share price, which tumbled 20p.

Profits for the full year will be close to last year's £260 million, although earnings will be down because of an ACT problem caused by the filtering British profits stream. Earnings per share of 20p put the shares on a prospective rating of 14 times for 1991, falling to 12.5 times for 1992. Investors who have stayed with the company since the BAT demerger should hold for the benefits expected from the Arjo merger.

Delta AT SOME stage in the economic cycle anecdotal evidence of improved business confidence will convert into a recovery in orders for the beleaguered industrial sector. When that occurs Delta will be better placed than most to benefit from an upturn in housing and commercial property markets.

Delta will emerge from the recession bloodied but unbowed. A 28 per cent decline in interim pre-tax profits to £33.1 million is a clear sign that the company is bearing the brunt of depressed demand for its cables, electrical circuit protectors, plumbing products and industrial services.

But the results were in line with City expectations and bear up well under comparison with recent reports from Delta's peers in the sector, such as IMI and BICC.

The company's long-term followers are attracted by a reputation for quite ruthless cash management. A tight rein on the purse strings has enabled Delta to maintain capital expenditure close to last year's levels, helping to support a well-timed drive into continental Europe and America. Gearing of 14 per cent is almost unchanged since the year-end and leaves scope for strategic cash purchases.

Despite a 26 per cent drop in earnings to 14.3p a share, the unchanged dividend of 4.2p is covered 3.4 times and there appears to be scope for a marginal improvement on last year's full payment of 14p.

The shares were down 13p at 412p yesterday, reflecting profit-taking after a strong run. Assuming full-year profits of about £70 million, a p/e of almost 15 looks fair.

## An encouraging performance

The key points from the Group's Interim Report were as follows:

"Against a background of increasingly difficult trading conditions... the Group's performance... has been encouraging."

"Significant progress has been made in implementing actions to achieve the benefits from the merger."

"The Group's paper manufacturing operations produced an excellent performance."

"Caution needs to be exercised in considering the second half-year outlook."

"The Group is better placed than most of its competitors to perform effectively."

"We remain confident about the prospects for the Group once overall economic conditions improve."

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	6 Months to 30.6.91 £'s m	6 Months to 30.6.90 £'s m
Turnover	1,258.8	1,394.8
Pretax Profit	135.5	142.3
Operating Profit - Paper Manufacturing	142.2	126.9
- Paper Merchandising	8.8	14.3
- Forestry & Pulp	(4.9)	6.8
Total Operating Profit	146.1	148.0
Earnings per share	10.7p	11.7p
Dividend per share	3.30p	3.30p



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## THE TIMES CITY DIARY

### Payton to sell Stapleford

BOB Payton, the irrepressible New Yorker who is chairman of My Kinda Town, the private group that owns Chicago Pizza Pie Factory, Henry J Beans and sundry other curiously named theme restaurants, has decided to sell his other business venture — Stapleford Park, the 35-bed-room luxury country house hotel nestled in 500 acres near Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. Payton, aged 47, has today put the hotel on the market with Humberbets, and is inviting offers in excess of £6.5 million. He paid £600,000 for the property but spent a further £4 million restoring it to its former glory. "It is no longer a momma and pop organisation, it needs to go on to the next level now," says Payton, who has been living in the stable block with Wendy, his wife. "It needs investment in a swimming pool and leisure facilities, it needs development of the next 30 bed-

rooms, we've got planning permission for ten cottages, we've outlined permission for a golf course. We've made our contribution. The next guy is going to be a serious businessman, hotelier or resort operator and put in all the other stuff." Payton opened the award-winning hotel in May 1988, after a two-year battle, on both sides of the Atlantic, to raise the funds.



"Same problem — little demand for new paper"

### Jungle survivor

OUT of the frying pan and into... recovership? Such was the experience of Stephen Williams, founder of KBW Capital Markets, who flew back from a gruelling safari in Zambia — to find his new firm teetering on the edge. He returned to join Babcock Fulton Prebon, the money broker, just as its parent company passed into the hands of the receivers. There was a happy ending, however. The money broking side remains intact.

YET another addition to our list of collective nouns comes from a recent headmasters' conference. What do you call a collection of headmasters? A lack of principals.

### Hope for the future

TIRED of the rat race? Why not follow the example of Tim Grandage, formerly of Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, who chucked it all in a year ago to help the street orphans of Calcutta. Grandage, a burly rugby

player, set up Future Hope, a small charity, with colleagues from the bank two years ago. Now he is back in London for the official UK launch of the charity next week.

### Coup de Capel

JAMES CAPEL, which has seen many of its best analysts defect to rival firms in the past 18 months, has hit back with a double coup of its own. With one hand, it has poached Paul Hodges from Warburg Securities as insurance analyst covering the composites sector. With the other, it has snatched Jonathan Helliwell away from Kleinwort Benson to lead coverage of paper and packaging. Helliwell, aged 27, fills the hole left when Tony Pennie retired in July. Hodges, who had a spell with Kierulff & Aitken before joining Warburgs, is the hard-sought replacement for Tony Kay who left Capel six weeks ago and is rumoured to be about to make his City comeback.

JON ASHWORTH



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## By NEIL BENNETT

**By ROBERT RODWELL**

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People are nervous," he said. Bond prices also reversed a modest gain to ease.

- Tokyo - The Nikkei average was down 162.40 points, or 0.72 per cent, to 22,411.58.
- Hong Kong - The Hang Seng index finished 18.73 points higher at 3,959.27 while the Hong Kong index rose 12.57 to 2,748.91.
- Sydney - The all-ordinaries index closed at 1,558.1 down 6.5 points.
- Frankfurt - The Dex ended 3.94 points lower at the day's high of 1,629.12 after falling to 1,621.78. (Reuters)

New York		Brussels	5617.53 (-15.98)
Dow Jones	2980.38 (-16.78)*	Paris: CAC	4285.55 (-1.21)
S&P Composite	396.08 (-2.51)*	Frankfurt: DAX	528.75 (-0.99)
Tokyo		London:	
Nikkei Average	2941.58 (-162.40)	FT-A-JSX share	1293.84 (-9.21)
Hong Kong		FT-100 Index	1740.96 (-8.94)
HK Hang Seng	3659.27 (+18.73)	FT-Mid Alphas	162.8 (+3.1)
FTSE Euro 100	1112.84 (-9.2)	FT-Russd Interest	65.59 (+0.43)
Amsterdam		Gold: Gold	87.05 (+4.11)
AEX Average	422.4 (-0.4)	Berlin: DAX	281.62
CBS Tendency		SEAO Volume	457.1m
Sydney: AO	1558.5 (-3.4)	SEAO: AO	128.0 (+0.4)
London: FTSE	1524.2 (-1.2)		
		*Derivatives midday trading price	

<b>First Dealings</b> September 8	<b>Last Dealings</b> September 20	<b>Last Declaration</b> December 5	<b>For Settlement</b> December 16
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Call options were taken out on: 10/5/91 Seatchi & Seatchi, Thomas TV, Tuscar Res, United Seaworld.  
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1 month	9 month	Argentina austral*	177175-17195.0	Australia	18991-12872
3 month	12 month	Australia dollar	1.1175-1.1175	Bahia (Bahia)	11,825-11,825
4 month	20-12p	Bahian dollar	0.850-0.850	Bahian (Com)	34,825-34,825
5 month	1-3p	Brazil cruzado	715.00-715.00	Canada	1,1383-1,1398
6 month	1-12p	Brazil cruzeiro	0.837-0.837	Denmark	1,3390-6,000
7 month	1-12p	Brazil cruzeiro	0.837-0.837	France	6,750-6,750
8 month	1-12p	Brazil cruzeiro	0.837-0.837	Germany	1,8917-1,8927
9 month	1-12p	Brazil cruzeiro	0.837-0.837	Italy	2,4707-2,4687
10 month	1-12p	Brazil cruzeiro	0.837-0.837	Japan	1,5795-1,5800
11 month	1-12p	Brazil cruzeiro	0.837-0.837	Malaysia	1,2080-1,2080
12 month	1-12p	Brazil cruzeiro	0.837-0.837	Malaysia	1,2080-1,2080
13 month	1-12p	Brazil cruzeiro	0.837-0.837	Malaysia	1,2080-1,2080
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50 month	1-12p	Brazil cruzeiro	0.837-0.837	Malaysia	1,2080-1,2080
51 month	1-12p	Brazil cruzeiro	0.837-0.837	Malaysia	1,2080-1,2080

## COMMODITIES

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### *Histria*



# A killing in the can for wildlife film

The bizarre and the beautiful could mean a commercial fortune for natural history film archives on both sides of the Atlantic, Melinda Wittstock reports

After 14 years spent travelling the remotest corners of the world and bringing British television viewers face to face with bloodthirsty vampire bats, rampaging wildebeest, swarms of stinging jellyfish and aggressive army ants, Keenan Smart has learnt that the gulf between the natural world and science fiction is not so great.

"The organisms which exist on this planet are more bizarre than any sci-fi writer could dream up," says the award-winning former BBC natural history producer who is to become the head of National Geographic Television's newly created natural history unit in Washington, DC.

"We've filmed microscopic larvae of a fungus gnaw hatch inside their mother, consuming her organs and walking out at either end; we've also watched cuttle fish, squid and octopus communicate with each other by flashing a kaleidoscope of colours over their bodies," Mr Smart says.

Biologists and embryologists are already making a lot of money, he says, by acting as consultants to sci-fi writers in need of biological scenarios for make-believe future worlds. Much more money is about to be made by television and film companies using documentary footage of the cuddly, the bizarre, the frightening and the fantastic in feature films, television dramas and even television commercials.

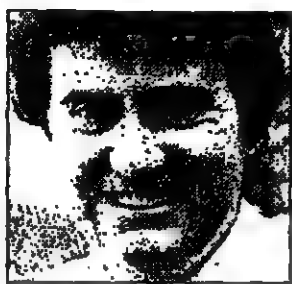
"This is the sort of thing I'd love to get involved in: combining hard, esoteric natural history with new and creative production techniques to create extraordinary entertainment, while increasing people's awareness of the environment."

The 42-year-old filmmaker's move from the BBC, where he produced and directed such series as *Wildlife On One*, *World About Us*, *The Natural World* and the acclaimed *Trials of Life*, comes as his former employer prepares to announce, next month, its own move into the commercial world.

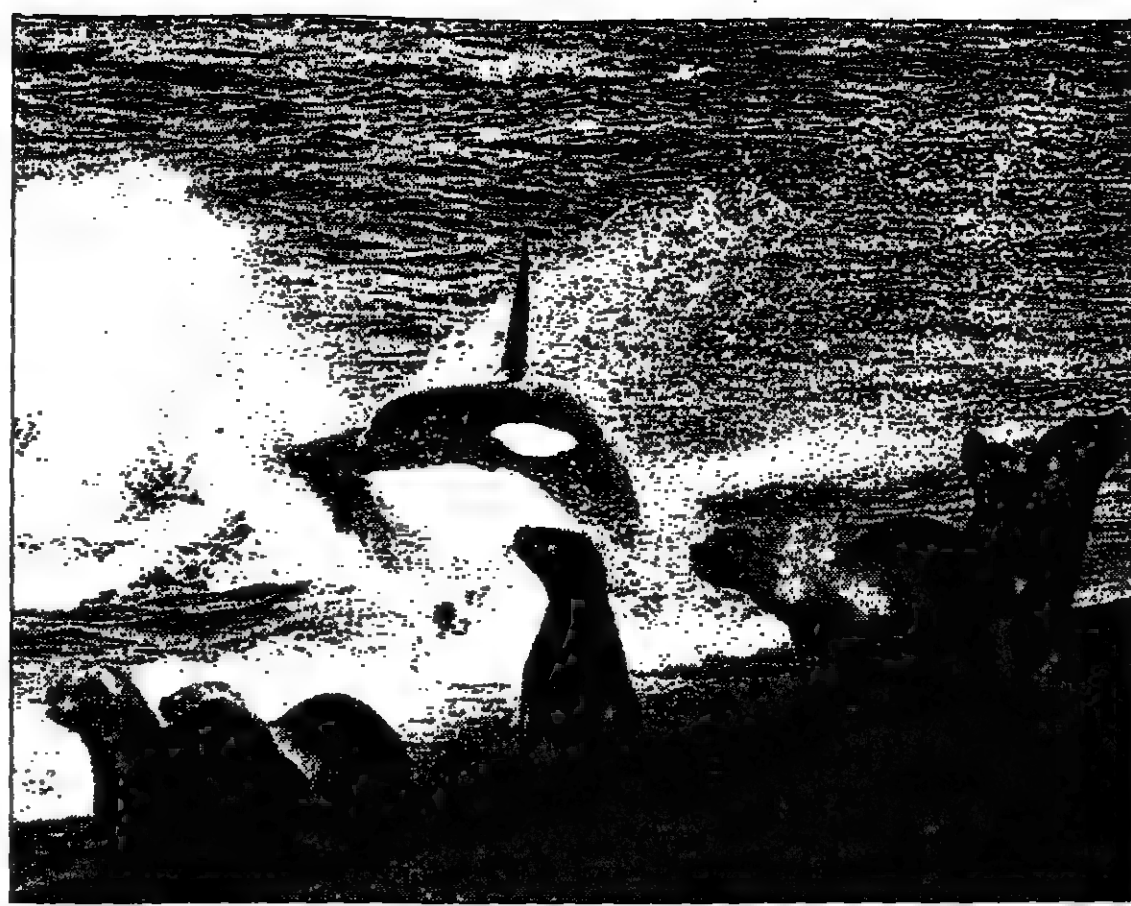
BBC Wildvision is being set up to exploit a 34-year-old natural history programme library containing 15 million feet of film and 5,000 sound recordings. Footage will be repackaged for new programmes, much in the same way that Mr Smart collaborated with Island Records to produce an *Arena* special called *Life Pulse*, which combined reworked natural history shots with an hour and a half of music.

Footage will also be sold to filmmakers and advertising agencies. Meanwhile, new BBC documentaries will become part of "multi-media packages" of books, videos, cassettes and eventually interactive compact discs, containing text, moving pictures and sound.

"We know we're sitting on a goldmine," says Andrew Neal, the head of the unit. "We filmed creatures years ago that are now extinct in habitats that have changed significantly. We'll soon be able to make programmes showing the effects of environmental damage."



Keenan Smart: new job



Scene from a classic: a killer whale attacks sea-lion pups in David Attenborough's series *The Trials of Life*

Mr Smart says: "The worst-case scenario is that the future 'natural world' will exist only on film, the rest having been squandered and destroyed by *homo sapiens*. That's the future we must prevent."

But he says National Geographic will make sure it gets the balance right between hard-hitting documentaries such as Channel 4's *Disappearing World*, the "My God, I didn't know that" type of wildlife programme and entertaining dramatisations of true stories about the environment, whether a thriller about the real-life exploits of Greenpeace or a story in the *Gorillas in the Mist* tradition.

National Geographic is working with Phil Tippet, who made the models for *Robocop*, *Ghostbusters* and the *Star Wars* films, on a drama-documentary which Julia Mair, National Geographic's direc-

tor of programming, describes as an "unusual realisation of theories from the past".

New technology also presents new opportunities. Both the BBC and National Geographic Television have begun making films for the giant Imax screens in natural history museums while exploring the use of "sensurround" sound. Virtual reality (VR), a new extra-sensory technology which simulates encounters with computer-generated characters, has also got the National Geographic team excited.

"People will be able to swim with sharks, sit among lions and explore volcanoes," says Mr Smart. "People have an endless appetite for natural history: natural history documentaries, both in the UK and the US, are the highest-rated programmes other than soaps and sitcoms." Ms Mair says. "New approaches are bound to expand that audience far further."

will probably be more — the gain becomes significant. Some of the bids for Channel 3 franchises may not be so extravagant as we thought.

It is a pleasing thought that the salvation of Channel 3 and even the Independent Television Commission might owe more to the Russian communists than to the Conservative party.

**HAROLD LIND**  
The author is a media consultant

## Press on trial

CURTIS Howard, the young black American wanted in connection with the murder of Catherine Ayling, whose body was found in a car boot at Gatwick airport last May, is fighting extradition to Britain on the grounds that a British "trial by media" has already seriously prejudiced any proceedings in this country. His American lawyers allege that newspaper coverage was "racist". Attempts to persuade an extradition hearing in Boston, Massachusetts, that Mr Curtis could not get a fair trial in Britain have been indirectly helped by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the attorney-general. Last June, he wrote to most national newspapers to complain that their coverage of the murder gave rise to "a substantial risk of serious prejudice to the course of justice, and hence may constitute a contempt of court".

## Playing safe

FRIDAY the 13th will not see the unveiling of the new-look *New Statesman & Society* after all. The magazine, which was due to launch a "brighter design" this Friday that allows it to fit more words on each page, has postponed the relaunch until next Friday. "We could have gone ahead, but it has been hectic with holidays and the coup last month," says Steve Platt, the editor. "I'd prefer to run a dummy first." Mr Platt, meanwhile, plans to take his publication to the Labour Party conference in Brighton.

## Bizarre bazaar

More than a hundred of Britain's strangest publishers, whose titles range from *The Fortean Times* — *The Journal of Strange Phenomena* to the *Milnes Aforethought Press*, plan to astound the general public with a special exhibition of their wares in London on September 28. Visitors to the fourth annual Small Press Fair at the Royal Horticultural Society Old Hall may also flip through such titles as *<<0>>*, a "fashion, fetish and fantasy" magazine, and *Anti-Clockwise*, an anarchist publication.

## Jump start

LORD King, the chairman of British Airways, will be seen today in an uncharacteristic pose in the *Financial Times*. He is the first of 26 self-made industrialists, politicians, artists and other achievers to jump up in the air for Howell Henry Chaldecott Lury, the advertising agency which has dreamt up the latest campaign for the Prince's Trust. Every Wednesday, a different individual — never a self-publicist; always someone who will prompt readers to ask, "How the hell did they manage to get him?" — the agency says — will be spotted in mid-flight above the line: "Success — you know what it feels like. Every year the Prince's Trust gives 20,000 young people the chance to succeed".



Lord King: high-flying

## A woman's place

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British advertising and TV franchise holders may benefit from communism's fall

## How peace could profit Channel 3

expenditure from war to peace. But the defence budget goes mainly on heavy industry, which has virtually no spin-off for British advertising. You do not see many ads for tanks or submarines. If big savings are made a

significant proportion of them will percolate through to areas of consumer demand which are relevant to television advertising in particular. The bad news is that on my estimate it will be three or four years before any significant

impact will be felt by the advertising industry. The good news is that on, say, a ten-year prospect of advertising, it is now rational to increase the growth forecast by at least 1 per cent a year. By an odd coincidence, a

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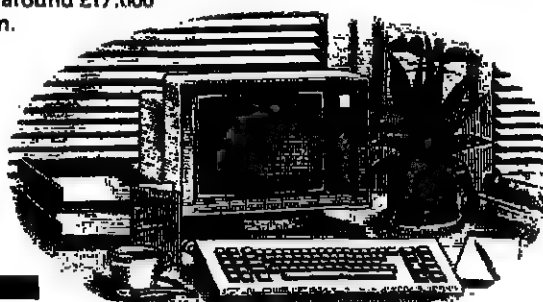
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# The house that Richard and Olivia built

The Smiths wanted a bigger house, but could not afford one in the area of their choice. So they took up their shovels and set to work. Christopher Warman reports

Richard Smith, an insurance consultant in his mid-thirties, and his wife, Olivia, have built a house almost entirely by themselves. "We wanted a bigger house," Mr Smith says, "and the only way we could afford it in the area we wanted [Nantwich, Cheshire] was to do it ourselves." Although Mr Smith's father was a bricklayer and his brother is a builder, he has no professional building skills.

"Of necessity, I am a reasonably competent DIY man, but I had never tackled anything like this," Mr Smith explains. He estimates that he has done 90 per cent of the work, including digging the drains, the erection of the Oliver Homes kit (with the help of a crane to move the one-ton roof trusses), the plumbing, electrical and glazing work, and the painting.

The Smiths can recall no serious difficulties. "The house was completed in ten months in my spare time and holidays," Mr Smith says. "We made sure it was absolutely finished before we moved in."

With the kit costing £31,000, materials doubling that cost, and with the price of the land, the

house cost a total of £108,000. "Somebody offered £250,000 while I was building it," Mr Smith says. "I believe we saved £100,000 by doing it ourselves, and I am sure it is worth £250,000 now. And yes, if the necessity or the opportunity arose, I would do it again, but I am happy now to enjoy what we have achieved."

A month ago, another self-builder, Keith Crow, watched as the timber frame of his new house was erected. Next an ingenious fireplace was built to his specifications, and soon the brick cladding and render will be added.

Mr Crow, a 34-year-old marketing manager with British Airways, is one of a growing number of self-builders throughout Britain. An estimated 20,000 homes were built last year under the self-build banner, nearly 10 per cent more than in the previous year.

Reflecting this growing sector of the housing market, the Self-build Homes Show, sponsored by *Today* newspaper and *Build It* magazine and first held last year, is on at Alexandra Palace, north London, from September 19 to 22. Next April the first Individual Homes Exhibition, organised by Telegraph Events and sponsored by *Individual Homes* magazine, will



A site better when you do it yourself? Above, Olivia Smith, getting a head for heights, work in progress, centre, and the finished £108,000 home, worth about £250,000

take place. This show is intended to help people who want to commission the building of their own home, committed self-builders and those refurbishing an existing house or building an extension. Self-build can mean physically building your home, but in most cases companies in the self-build market supervise the process, including finding the land, arranging the finance, selecting the house plan and subcontracting the building work.

Mr Crow has always been fascinated by new houses, and he and his wife, Alison, wanted a Tudor-

style house. Accordingly they sold their own house, bought a plot of land, nearly a third of an acre, at Farncombe, Surrey, and decided on a timber-frame house kit provided by Potton, of Sandy, Bedfordshire, because it offered the required style. "We do not like living on estates," he says. "We wanted to have a house exactly to our wishes."

The kit, costing £34,000, provides all the wooden parts including the frame, posts, beams, suspended wooden walls, doors, stairs and skirting boards. That went up in seven days. The ingenious

fireplace came from elsewhere and the building is being project-managed by Package Build. The land cost £70,000, and in addition the budget for the total cost of the house, including the fittings and furnishings, is £130,000. Mr Crow says: "A comparable house would cost between £240,000 and £250,000, so we have saved about 25 per cent. Our main aim was to get a better house at a price we could afford."

His work on the project will be the decorating, wall tiling, and laying of quarry tiles in the kitchen. The Crows arranged a

mortgage through the Halifax Building Society, which releases the money as it is required for the building, but they were able to pay for the land outright.

About 60 companies supply house kits in Britain, most specialising in timber-frame construction. Constructive Individuals, a firm of architects and project managers based in Hambleton, Selby, North Yorkshire, is one that runs courses for potential self-builders, covering project management from buying land to subcontracting labour on site, and other subjects including joinery

skills and a guide to low-energy and ecological homes.

At next week's show, a house will be built from start to (the builders hope) finish and the National Energy Foundation will be explaining the national home energy-rating scheme, which assesses the energy efficiency of every house.

A new UK land index is also to be launched at the show, intended to provide a comprehensive list of land plots available throughout the country, enabling the potential self-builder to cut short the time needed to find a plot.

## RENTALS

### LONDON HOUSE HUNTERS

**KINGS RD SW2**  
Bright, airy flat in 2 bed house, new carpet, new kitchen, bath, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 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# Andries is aiming to win the war with style

But those who saw Andries fade suddenly in the twelfth round against Harding in Atlantic City two years ago and saw the champion struggle to land clean punches on Merani

While at the end one was left marvelling at Harding's courage and durability, it appears that in the second meeting Harding was unable to take Andries's blows, and those who saw the bout say Andries broke the Australian's heart.

Apart from going back to basics, little has changed in Harding's life and it is unlikely that he has learnt enough to pose Andries any new problems.



# Gehrig's jersey proves a big hit

The Los Angeles Dodgers, who slipped games behind the Braves after leading the National League West for months, regained sole possession of first by beating the St. Louis Cardinals 8-3 last week.

The Dodgers then won three of four from the Pittsburgh Pirates in a possible play-off preview.

Los Angeles took the season series 7-5 after losing eight of 12 to Pittsburgh last year.

Tom Seaver, the New York Mets pitcher out for the season because of a shoulder injury. He had 13 wins and seven losses. The California Angels released Dave Parker, the designated hitter and frequent all-star. He played 19 seasons and was in two World Series-winning sides, Pittsburgh

## Cup organisers call for help to raise money

The Japanese challenge, supported by 40 black-chip companies, is a close second with \$45 million, followed by the New Zealanders with \$35 million. France and Spain plan to spend \$60 million between them, the Swedes, who have just won backing from Saab, have a budget of \$15 million, and the military harbour for measurement purposes. But from St Petersburg there has been no word. As in Yugoslavia, phones go unanswered and major suppliers in the West, who had been expecting orders for deck hardware and rigs, report no recent contact with either challenge.

## Irish steal the day

**TWO** contrasting events took place at the weekend. The second Memorial Trophy, commemorating great players of the Thirties, is limited to eight invited teams. Great Britain and Sweden took the opportunity to gain match practice for the world championship, but were outplayed by Ireland, who overhauled London in the last round.

In Leeds, the National Swiss

113 teams that reached the final from a large original entry, but were reduced to 112 by a withdrawal, were in plenty to spare, were David Stevenson's Merseyside and Christine formation.

**RESULTS:** Leaders: Memorial Trophy: Ireland on Fitzgibbon, a Member, P Walsh, in 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2561, 2562, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2567, 2568, 2569, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2573, 2574, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2585, 2586, 2587, 2588, 2589, 2590, 2591, 2592, 259







McKean has no answer as Africans strike

# Konchellah leads Kenyans to clean sweep at grand prix

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN BERLIN

PERHAPS Tom McKean's sense of loss at his world championship failure will not be so great after the outcome of his 800 metres race in IAAF/Mobil grand prix meeting here last night. McKean was handsomely beaten by Billy Konchellah, the world champion, not to mention two more Kenyans, William Tanui and Robert Kibet, as well.

McKean had defeated Konchellah in Cologne on Sunday and another win over him here would have served only to heighten the Scot's feelings of what might have been had he not eased up so much in his heat in Tokyo that he was passed on the line and failed to qualify for the second round.

He ran boldly here, coming off the bend in a commanding position, but tied up in the last 30 metres as Konchellah came

past to win in 1min 45.95sec. McKean placed fourth in 1min 46.23sec.

Two American sprint hurdlers who excelled in Tokyo, Jack Pierce and Gail Devers-Roberts, have reacted in contrasting ways to their successes. Neither could have expected silver medals, and while Pierce's performance since have been an anticlimax, the remarkable story of Devers-Roberts gathers pace.

In her first race since the world championships, Devers-Roberts improved the United States 100 metres hurdles record by 0.13sec to 12.48sec. She began the year facing a prospect of having her first amputated because of a thyroid condition known as Graves Disease. Now she is less than 0.3sec away from the world record of 12.21sec, held by Yordanka Donkova, of Bulgaria. Pierce, who

annihilated his previous best to deny Britain's Tony Jarrett a silver medal in the 110 metres hurdles, was only third in Cologne on Sunday and even worse here.

In a race won in 13.47sec by Tony Dees, who failed even to make the United States team for Tokyo, Pierce was fifth in 13.60sec.

At the age of 36, Yuri Sedykh's competitive drive shows no sign of slowing down. In Tokyo, he confirmed his position as the greatest hammer thrower of all time, winning the one significant championship gold medal to have escaped his grasp. Sedykh has been Olympic champion twice and European champion three times.

Here, throwing 80.24 metres, some six metres below his world record, Sedykh defeated three of the world championship top five—Heinz Weis, the German who won the bronze medal, Tibor Gecsik, from Hungary, who was fourth, and Andrei Abduvaliyev, his Soviet compatriot who was fifth.

RESULTS: Men: 110m hurdles: 1. T. Dees (USA) 13.47sec; 2. F. Schwaninger (GER) 13.60; 3. C. Williams (USA) 13.60; 4. J. Pierce (USA) 13.60; 5. T. Jarrett (GBR) 13.60. 800m: 1. B. Konchellah (KEN) 1:45.95; 2. W. Tanui (KEN) 1:46.23; 3. T. McKean (GBR) 1:46.23; 4. R. Kibet (KEN) 1:46.23.



Front-running loser: McKean could place no better than fourth in Berlin last night

## Positive drug test query

OSLO (Reuters) — Georg Andersen, a Norwegian policeman and the shot silver medal winner at the world athletics championships, said yesterday he had failed a drugs test but denied taking banned substances.

Two samples of Andersen's urine taken in Norway in July showed traces of anabolic steroid.

A commission is investigating if the reading could have been caused by stomach medicine.

"He will not be allowed to keep his medal if there is a judgment against him," Lars Martin Kampang, the president of the Norwegian Athletics Association, said.

Larkins shows the way as Northamptonshire's batsmen perform right down the order

## Notts add to woe of Derby

DERBYSHIRE, whose challenge for the Britannia Assurance county championship was snuffed out in an innings defeat by Essex last week, were on the receiving end once again yesterday (Marcus Williams writes).

They put Nottinghamshire on a green pitch at Derby, but Pollard (125) and Robinson (145) contributed a second-innings partnership of 265 in 75 overs towards a total of 376 for five, a useful platform in a match that should help to resolve the minor placings. Malcolm was again unfit and Derby were further handicapped when wicket-keeper was taken ill at lunchtime and Essex developed a rash of no-balls, 17 in 13 overs. Gloucestershire's bowlers forced Worcestershire to struggle at Cardiff, but Curtis produced another captain's innings, batting all day for 136 in a total of 285 for six. Not even the joy of being selected for his first England tour could help Hick emerge from his rut; he lasted four balls.

Athey again held the Gloucestershire batting together with a stubborn 90 against the bottom county, Somerset, at Bristol. Cook was 21 not out at the close, still needing 428 to reach 3,000 runs for the season.

## Unhelpful pitch confronts leaders with a stiff task

By JACK BAILEY

EDGBASTON (first day of four; Warwickshire won toss): Northamptonshire have scored 364 for nine wickets.

ALTHOUGH a wary eye on the score at Leicester told Warwickshire that Essex, their chief rivals for the county championship, were firing little better than themselves, that will have been of little consolation. At the end of the day, they were in the red not only to the tune of Northamptonshire's score, which scored beyond 350, but also because, on yesterday's evidence, this rested pitch is one on which only Donald of an almost exclusively seam attack can extract life — and there are doubts about his fitness.

The absence from the field at different times of both Reeve and Donald does not yet, however, spell disaster. Reeve re-emerged, and while Donald did not, his injury is described as a "twink" of not too serious a nature. Even so, Warwickshire's task is now a formidable one. Northamptonshire batted ominously well, right down the order, although nobody moved out of the seventies.

Curtain was out to the second new ball with 71 to his name; Larkins dazzled and devastated the Warwickshire attack early

on; Lamb's 74 was not wholly convincing, but he took his total runs for the last month to more than 600; Bailey was in little trouble before an absolute corker from Donald removed his off stump. All this, after Warwickshire had decided to field first.

Harry Brind's suggestion, at the end of the controversial defeat of Worcestershire, that the pitch for this match be located at the opposite end of the square from the one originally selected, has undoubtedly avoided any charge of malpractice by Warwickshire. Larkins, after a brief round in only his sixth championship match of the season, revelled on it.

Fordham fell early, glancing Donald to leg and being well taken by Piper, but a hundred more runs were scored before the next wicket fell, and Larkins took the lion's share. It was long before he was looting the

persistent Manton straight over his head into unattended spaces and he went to 52 out of 75 with a six and three fours in an over off the same bowler.

Manton had his revenge during a marathon spell of 17 overs and after Larkins had reached his highest score of the season. Larkins had made 75 from 103 balls, hitting 13 fours and a six.

He was impossible to emulate. Lamb tried, but used the outside edge more than the middle of the bat to begin with and spent more than two-and-a-half hours at the crease before, in Donald's last over, he was yorked, wicketly, as the ball hit his leg stump.

Curtain came closest to Larkins' half-century came from 66 balls and he hit some murderous blows. Throughout it all, Neil Smith carried the flag for spin, picking his off breaks, getting some hits, and picking up three good wickets.

## Azharuddin gains cap

MOHAMMAD Azharuddin, Derbyshire's Indian Test batsman, was awarded his county cap on the opening day of the championship match against

Nottinghamshire at Derby. Azharuddin has repaid Derbyshire by scoring 1,920 first-class runs at an average of 60 with seven centuries.

## Waqar shines in promising start

By RICHARD STREETON

LORDS (first day of four; Middlesex won toss): Surrey, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 159 runs behind Middlesex.

WAQAR Younis took five wickets in an innings for the thirteenth time this season yesterday as Surrey dismissed Middlesex for a modest 224 shortly after tea. Surrey reached 65 for one by the close to complete a promising start in a match they need to win to maintain their chance of finishing in the championship's first four places.

Waqar hit the stumps four times and gained one leg-before decision and was well supported by Martin Bicknell, who took three wickets. Together they prevented Middlesex from consolidating after Ramprakash and Roseberry had shared an attractive three-figure stand.

Both fast bowlers had to work hard for their rewards on the slow pitch, which was used for last weekend's NatWest trophy final. Before this match finishes, though, it seems certain that the decisive role will be played by the spin bowlers and it is no coincidence that both teams have two to call upon.

When Surrey batted, Embury was unfortunate to

have Darren Bicknell, who was then 15, dropped by the wicketkeeper in his first over. Ramprakash and Roseberry before lunch provided the only aggressive stroke play seen in the Middlesex innings. On a hazy morning they were soon in action together after Headley was run out which gave no opportunity to evaluate the quixotic decision to use someone normally seen in the lower order as an opening batsman.

Ramprakash drove straight and through the covers with classical grace and timing. Roseberry struck the ball with more obvious robustness as they added 117 together. Otherwise, the batting followed a pedestrian pattern. Only 86 runs came in the next over. Ramprakash was run out after 24 overs, passed without a four being hit.

The Middlesex slump began after lunch when Roseberry edged a ball from Waqar on to his stumps as he tried to drive and the Pakistani went on to beat Gatting by sheer pace. In the next over, Ramprakash was leg-before to Bicknell to end an innings marked by perfect timing which brought 13 fours.

By tea, Waqar, at silly point, and Embury, at second slip, gave good accounts of themselves in the last four wickets fall rapidly as Waqar took his wicket aggregate to 109 for the season.

## SPORTS POLITICS

## Infighting forces postponement of Unity Games

By DAVID MILLER

THE Unity Games, two athletics meetings to have been staged between competitors of South Africa and other African nations, have been postponed. Continuing political friction within the new, supposedly unified South African Amateur Athletic Association (SA AAA) has forced the South Africans to call off the two-part event, scheduled for Dakar and Johannesburg in early October and announced by Primo Nebiolo in Tokyo last month.

This is a second major setback for the International Amateur Athletic Federation, which had earlier hoped to include South African competitors in the recent world championships. Political friction torpedoed that attempt too.

The first sport now to re-embrace South Africa after its return to the fold of the South African Olympic committee, has been gymnastics. A South African team is included in the world championships currently being staged at Indianapolis.

The abandonment, for the time being, of the Unity Games has been greeted with relief by the SA Athletics Board, the coloured body, from discussions by the amalgamated SA AAA on its constitution. At the weekend, the former Union body (white administered, but non-racial and embracing all athletes of all colours) and the Congress (African-black) had agreed on merging without the board.

Arnold Stofie and Steve Tshwete, mediators from the African National Congress, have persuaded the SA AAA to continue with negotiations. Harry Headrick, the leader of both the board and the politically militant South African Council on Sport (Secoe), said that international competition should only be resumed "when the last vestiges of apartheid had been eradicated".

Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, said on hearing of the decision: "This is a great pity. I do not think that the Olympic Games in Barcelona will be a problem, because maybe Secoe is primarily influential in athletics. If we have to wait for one-man-one-vote, how long might that be? There are other countries within the Olympic movement who are without that situation."

Sam Ramoah, president of the readmitted SA Olympic committee, is juggling with a sporting-political controversy that may be beyond his grasp. Headrick and his sympathisers are determined to play the political game to the last card before accepting international sports involvement. Their view is: "The Unity Games should not be part of the process to end apartheid, which should celebrate unity."

Stofie and Tshwete will attempt to use their influence to draw the board back into the debate.

## GOLF

## Hapless Szewczul on wrong course

By JOHN HENNESSY

EIGHT American Walker Cup players are expected to dominate the Amateur championship this week, but it was a less distinguished compatriot who, sadly, claimed the attention yesterday. Through mis-reading the draw sheet, David Szewczul, a former Connecticut state champion, aged 37, presented himself at the first tee at the right time, 2.40pm, but at the wrong course.

He was due to play his first qualifying round at Scarborough North Cliff, but, having visited that course in the morning, Szewczul had mistaken the location of the clubhouse and discovered himself on an overcrowded first tee.

He was understandably distraught and, accompanied by his wife, Lisa, made an impassioned appeal to the clubhouse staff to allow him to play on the correct course. He was told: "I know you've got a rule, but haven't you got a heart?" Lisa pleaded.

Bonallack recalled an occasion when he was disqualified for the same reason. It has been a ghastly weekend for the Szewczuls. They arrived at Leeds airport on Friday, two days in advance of their luggage. The trip, solely for the Amateur, has cost them \$5,000 and the only saving grace is that Bonallack has invited David to take his place in today's programme at Ganton; but to no significant purpose, of course.

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Preferential treatment risks trivialising Tests

## Botham calls the tune to England selectors

By ALAN LEE  
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

IF ANYONE doubted that Ian Botham still lives by his own laws, rather than anyone else's, the England cricket selectors yesterday proved the point by allowing the all-rounder special dispensation to arrive in New Zealand three weeks late for this winter's tour. He has thus cast a cloak of personal convenience over what would have been a widely welcomed return.

Botham, like every other player under consideration, was originally informed that the selectors required his availability for the entire three-month tour and not only for the World Cup. Botham, while evidently anxious to tour, insisted that his prior commitments, principally a pantomime part, would not free him until the third week of January. The selectors accepted this position during a five-hour meeting which may have done little for their credibility.

In addition to accommodating Botham, they have included Mike Atherton and Angus Fraser in a party of 17, while uncomfortably aware that injury may prevent one or both from starting the tour. Fraser is being covered by Dermott Reeve, but if Atherton withdraws he will not be replaced, which would leave England without a specialist opening batsman to partner Graham Gooch and, for the time being, without a vice-captain.

The selectors, Gooch, Micky Stewart and Ted Dexter, are embracing contentious policies but with a common theme. They have stated before now that the World Cup is the winter priority. Now, it seems more of an infatuation,

England: G A Gooch (Essex, captain), M A Atherton (Lancashire), I T Botham (Worcestershire), P A J Doolan (Lancashire), A R C Fraser (Middlesex) or D A Reeve (Worcestershire), G A Hick (Worcestershire), R K Illingworth (Worcestershire), A J Lamb (Northamptonshire), D A Lawrence (Gloucestershire), C G Lewis (Leicestershire), D R Pringle (Essex), M R Ramprakash (Middlesex), R C Russell (Gloucestershire), R A Smith (Hampshire), A J Stewart (Surrey), P C R Tilted (Middlesex).

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England A (to Bermuda and West Indies): M D Moxon (Yorkshire, captain), M A Atherton (Lancashire) or M R Ramprakash (Middlesex), D J Beldall (Surrey), M P Beldall (Surrey), D G Cork (Durham), R D B Croft (Gloucestershire), W H Hogg (Lancashire), N Hussain (Essex), P Johnson (Nottinghamshire), D E Malcom (Durham), H Morris (Gloucestershire), R A Piel (Nottinghamshire), D A Reeve (Worcestershire) or T A Munton (Worcestershire), I D K Salisbury (Sussex), G P Thorpe (Surrey), S J Rhodes (Worcestershire), on stand-by.

for in pursuing the players they have identified for their strongest one-day side, they are at risk of trivialising a Test series.

Botham's situation is undeniably a case of preferential treatment. No matter how hard Dexter, the chairman of England's committee, yesterday tried to rationalise it, it is a fact that no other player, not even Gooch himself, was offered such a cosy compromise.

Ten years ago, with Botham at the peak of his remarkable powers, to deny such an accommodation would have been to insult a national institution and, unquestionably, to weaken the side. But Botham, at 35, is no longer the irresistible force of old. He is, indeed, not even an automatic choice and to allow him such self-indulgences is to invite scepticism both outside and, more importantly, inside the dressing-room.

Not for the first time, Botham's willingness to tour has attracted prolonged speculation. Gooch was

apparently confident that he had secured Botham's agreement on the same terms as everyone else. But the other selectors were rightly reluctant to be seen persuading him. It seems that a final phone call to his fishing retreat at Alderney, just before the meeting began, confirmed that it would be they, and not the player, who must make it or leave it.

Manager Stewart unwittingly revealed how highly the selectors must still regard Botham. Having first stressed that he had primarily been picked for the World Cup, Stewart was then pressed on whether Botham may still play his 100th Test in New Zealand. He said: "The way things are, it is a probability."

As Botham leaves the stage in Bournemouth on January 19 and will arrive only just in time for the second Test, that is quite a statement. Certainly, this is the first time an England cricket tour has taken second place to Jack and the Beanstalk and, considering the cursory treatment handed out to that other free spirit, David Gower, it is a baffling concession.

In defending the decision, Dexter said he may have been influenced by the memory that, as a player, he twice joined England tours late, once after contesting a seat in the general election. Times have changed, however, and even the valid point that Botham was uncontracted and free to arrange other engagements did not quite ring true.

Nor, for that matter, did Dexter's dismissive remarks regarding Atherton's potential

absence. "Opening batting is not seen as a high criteria on this trip," he said, following up with: "We don't see the vice-captaincy as a matter of great import." As, on each of the last two tours, an injury to Gooch has exposed a shortage of both leadership and opening batting, perhaps this ought not to have been the case.

Atherton's back operation demands three months of complete rest, which gives him precious little time to attain a suitable level of fitness. Still more problematical is the position of Fraser, who admitted yesterday that he is presently still worried whether he will ever play again, let alone this winter.

He explained: "I see my specialist on September 24 for various scans and tests. The result of those could rule me out immediately but they will not rule me in. Even if the injury is improving, I still have to prove to the selectors that I can regain full fitness. I am pleased to be in the frame but I am not happy with the injury."

The selectors cannot be faulted for the rest of their nominations. The senior side may be predictable but it is also the best available. Botham apart, Richard Illingworth will also be flying out three weeks late but in his case this is the selectors' choice because he is unlikely to have much cricket outside the World Cup.

Martyn Moxon will lead the A team to West Indies and has a pleasingly futuristic side, including Derbyshire's exciting seam bowler, Dominic Cork, and Glamorgan's off-spinning all-rounder Robert Croft. Either Atherton or Ramprakash will go on to the A tour following the Test series in New Zealand.

**Greatbatch catch**

Mark Greatbatch, the New Zealand Test player, is to play for Leyland, the Northern Cricket League champions, as their professional test season. The club expects to retain the services of Graham Roope and Geoff Miller, the former England players, as amateurs.

**Wilson free to go**

Huddersfield Town football club has given a free transfer to Robert Wilson, the former Fulham and Luton midfielder player.



Fraser: not happy



Fairbrother: selected



Angled drive: Hepworth, of Leicestershire, strikes a fine boundary against Essex at Grace Road yesterday

## Hepworth provides a treat

By JOHN WOODCOCK

LEICESTER (first day of four: Essex won the toss): Leicestershire scored 353 all out

HAVING looked at one time like being bowled out before lunch, Leicestershire recovered to make 353 against Essex yesterday. They had James Whitaker and Peter Hepworth, two Yorkshire exiles, to thank for this. Whitaker scoring his first championship hundred of the season and Hepworth the first of his career. For Essex Neil Foster took five for 86 and in doing so looked, at 29, very little different from the England bowler of a few years back.

It was a beautiful day and a capital day's cricket. Prompted by the promise of early freshness in the pitch, Gooch put Leicestershire in and within 50 minutes they were 27 for four. Gooch himself took a couple of nice catches at second slip. Boon slashed a long hop fast and fiercely to Pritchard at cover point and Potter was leg

before to his first ball. Foster did the damage with movement off the seam, as distinct from swing, and with occasional lift. Between the start of his fourth over and the end of his seventh he took four wickets for six runs. Few can have imagined, on seeing Hepworth coming in at No. 6, what a treat lay in store. In the previous 39 innings of his young career, 31 of them this season, he had a top score of 56. A century against Cambridge University at Fenners was beginning to seem uncomfortably like a label. But now, batting in splendour, seldom worn by cricketers since the contact lens came in, he took the first opportunity to try his cover drive, and found an eager friend. With Whitaker, too, deciding there was nothing to be gained from just hanging around, the ball was soon racing to the boundary.

By lunch, Leicestershire were 108 for four. In the first hour afterwards 15 overs produced 77 more runs. It was more like being at Grace Road in the 1970s, watching Brian

Davison's bat, than any year when the clouds have descended. Although Such, and then Childs, put a brake on the scoring, they did no more than that. Having been neck and neck all the way, Hepworth and Whitaker reached their hundreds within three balls of each other. Hepworth with his 19th four, off Topley. Whitaker with his 18th off Childs. Almost immediately, with the first ball of a new spell, Topley had Whitaker caught at short leg. The 204 added by Whitaker and Hepworth fell only 29 short of Leicestershire's fifth wicket record in all first-class cricket, held by Briers and Roger Tolchard.

No-one could have any complaints about the pitch. It gave Gooch's bowlers the early life he had bargained for, and yet yielded 58 fours during the day. Whitaker and Hepworth are both, almost compulsively, front-foot players, and yesterday this did them no harm. Once or twice, Hepworth found himself coming forward to wish balls

well short of a length, which he reached for and hit at great speed through extra cover. With Lewis also playing some exotic strokes Leicestershire picked up their four batting points with 11 overs to spare, only the fourth time they have done so this season, and Essex, far from a pushover, now have a match on their hands.

**LEICESTERSHIRE: First innings**  
T J Boon c Pritchard b Foster 12  
N E Davies c Gooch b Foster 105  
J J Whitaker o w b Topley 105  
J D R Bannister c Gooch b Foster 0  
L Potter b Foster 116  
P M Hepworth b Foster 116  
C C Lewis c Gooch b Topley 49  
M Gidley run out 6  
M Wainwright c Childs b Pringle 10  
D J Milne c Foster b Topley 28  
J H Maguire not out 18  
Essex (20.0, 1.10.0)  
Total 353  
Score after 100 overs 246-2.  
**FALL OF WICKETS:** 1-28, 2-27, 3-27, 4-27, 5-271, 6-271, 7-288, 8-304, 9-327.  
**BOWLING:** Foster 27-86-5, Pringle 25-4-5, 79-1; Topley 18-1-91-3; Gooch 7-2-29-0; Childs 12-4-44-0; Such 10-1-21-0; Salter 10-1-18-2; Shepherdson 1-0-0-0.  
**SCORERS:** G A Gooch, J P Stephenson, P J Pritchard, S M M, N Hussain, D R Pringle, N A Foster, T D Topley, J H Childs and P M Such.  
**Bonus points:** Leicestershire 4, Essex 4. Umpires: M J Kilchen and K E Palmer.

## Sponsorship scheme welcomed by Dexter

AN INNOVATIVE cricket sponsorship, worth £1 million over four years, was yesterday acclaimed by England chairman Ted Dexter as "the greatest boost to our top cricketers since I have been involved with the team," (Alan Lee writes).

The money, put up by the City investment managers, Whittingdale's, is to be used for the training and preparation of the national teams, beginning with this winter's tours and going through to the next Ashes tour in 1984-85.

Fifty players will be involved in the programme over

the next few months since, apart from the senior and A teams, about a dozen additional players are to be selected to join squad training.

The sponsorship also enables the overdue use of outstanding coaches such as John Snow, who has been approached to be the specialist advisor to England's fast bowlers. This winter's training culminates in four days at Lillieshall in mid-December. The sponsors, however, ought not to be too confident about Ian Botham's presence. The pantomime season will already be under way.

## WHAT DO GRAHAM GOOCH AND WHITTINGDALE HAVE IN COMMON?



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## Boxing in need of unity

JOHN Morris, secretary of the British Board of Control, today called for the installation of an "umbrella organisation" to oversee boxing at both professional and amateur levels.

"We should get together. I believe boxing is all one sport", Morris said following the disclosures of a cash crisis within the Amateur Boxing Association and the Sports Council's warning that they could withdraw its lifeline £130,000-a-year grant.

Morris believes that the bodies should still be run separately, but with greater dialogue and under one main umbrella. Until now, no relationship has existed between the two codes, despite efforts from the Board to foster one for the overall good of boxing.

"I've tried for greater liaison through the ABA, Sports Council, the CCPR and Sports Ministers and I've got nowhere because of the blockage from the ABA," Morris said. Morris, who once served as amateur boxing as competitions secretary of South London's Lyn Club, would draw the line at professionals and amateurs fighting on the same promotions, as is fairly common-place on the Continent. "That would kill off the small time pro", he added.

## Pressure is on FA to change its stance on guarantees

By PETER BALL

PEACE broke out at the Football League extraordinary general meeting in London yesterday, but it may prove short-lived. Although the lower divisions and the breakaway Premier League clubs where close to agreement, the Football Association was last night consulting its lawyers and will decide this morning whether to go back to court.

"We are close to agreement with the potential Premier League clubs," Arthur Sandford, the chief executive of the Football League, said. "And we will be having further talks with the FA to ensure there is a tripartite agreement."

That may yet prove the sticking point. After some horse trading at meetings yesterday morning, the League and Premier Division representatives agreed in principle on the main points at issue over the breakaway, the retention of three-up and three-down, and the £5 million compensation to be paid to the clubs left behind.

For the agreement to be concluded, however, the FA - which was not party to yesterday's talks - will need to

give some legally binding guarantees, something it has so far refused to do.

Yesterday it proved rather less than encouraged by news that the two sides were so close to agreement that they decided to adjourn the meeting until September 23.

That meant that regulation 11, which requires clubs to give three years' notice, is still in place, leaving the League still uncontracted, a state which is causing rising apoplexy in Lancaster Gate.

"Our lawyers are considering matters overnight, and we will decide in the morning," Sir Bert Millichip, the chairman of the FA, said. "I am very, very disappointed. We had hoped for a decision today and it is becoming a never ending saga. It cannot go on indefinitely."

It is perhaps fanciful to see the new situation as a re-run of football's old familiar internecine warfare, with the 92 professional clubs on one side and the FA on the other. There was little doubt yesterday, however, that the FA will have to make further concessions if agreement is to be reached.

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## Cup boost for England

BERNE, Switzerland (AP) - English clubs are set to regain a second place in the UEFA Cup after their resounding return to European competition last season, yesterday.

England, whose single place this season went to Liverpool, receives two in a preliminary ranking for next season. Though UEFA is expected to allocate places officially only in November, a UEFA spokesman here said England appears assured of a second.

Each European federation gets one to four UEFA Cup

births depending on the European performances of its clubs over the past five seasons. England was left with only one after its five-year ban following the 1985 Heysel Stadium disaster.

English clubs did well on their return last season, Manchester United winning the Cup Winners' Cup. The final distribution depends on which country UEFA gives two places to be vacated by the former East Germany. Israel may receive one of these alongside England.

## TENNIS

## Pickard returns to disappoint Castle

By ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

HIS mission successfully completed at the United States open championships, Tony Pickard, the coach of the new champion, Stefan Edberg, hurried home yesterday to attend to the needs of his country. Wearing his other hat, as Britain's Davis Cup captain, Pickard has preferred Mark Petchey to Andrew Castle in naming his final squad for the Davis Cup world group qualifying match against Austria on grass in Manchester next week.

But he will leave a decision

about who will play alongside Jeremy Bates in the singles until the last minute.

Britain's chances of returning to the world group for the first time in four years were considerably improved by the withdrawal of Alex Antonitsch from the Austrian team.

Antonitsch is Austria's best grass-court player, but, like Horst Skoff, another absentee, is in dispute with his federation and under threat of suspension.

His place has been taken by Harald Mair, which means that last year's semi-finalists have only Thomas Muster ranked in the top 200, but he has not played on grass since Wimbledon in 1987.

Stefan Edberg, Boris Becker, Ivan Lendl, Jim Courier and Michael Stich have qualified for the ATP Tour championship in Frankfurt at the end of November, but Andre Agassi, beaten in the first round of the United States open championship, is still not certain of qualifying to defend his title.



Petchey: preferred by Pickard for Davis Cup

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